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THIS MESSEENGER HONORS

Temple Work and Los Angeles Temple

JESSE MARSHALL
Chairman Palo Alto Stake Temple Committee

Since Pala Alto Stake was organized, June, 1946, there has been a steady and definite increase in genealogical activity and temple work by the people throughout the stake, particularly in the past five years. During this time we have had four excursions to the Salt Lake Temple and each has been an inspiration to all who have participated. The second one was the largest and most inspiring as sixty-five young folk from the age ten to fifteen years besides fifty or more adults who took part. If heaven is like that one day, we want more of it.

This past year, 1955, has been a very successful one for temple activity, with some seven hundred baptisms performed by the young folk, two hundred-seventy-five endowments and over three hundred sealings consumated by the people of our stake. We have received no end of joy from the promoting of these temple excursions and in seeing our people go to the House

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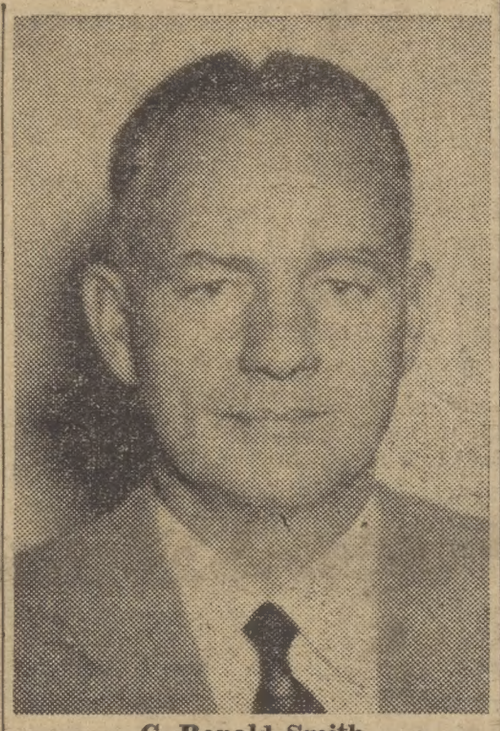

C. Ronald Smith
Berkeley Stake Chairman Genealogical Committee

Dr. C. Ronald Smith of the stake high council has headed the stake genealogical committee for five years. His counselors are Robert Smith and Marshall Stoddard, the latter being also head of the inter-stake genealogical committee.

A special project for 1956 will sponsor family genealogical records thru the Melchizedek Priesthood quorums of the stake. Mrs. Mary Lou Harline will direct a special home-teaching class of selected representatives from each ward, who in turn will train the ward groups.

The young people, 13-17, organized as Gamma Rho Chi girls, directed by Grace Clark of Walnut Creek, will take another Temple excursion to the Mesa Temple in the spring. This is similar to a successful excursion to the Salt Lake Temple last year.

Mrs. Gustav Schier has completed the third year of her three-year series of six weeks classes in genealogical research. The attendance was remarkable and many have learned ways to gather much more data on their lines.

A group is being supervised in library methods bi-monthly in trips to the U.C. library in Berkeley.

JOSEPH W. GREENWOOD
Chairman of S. F. Stake's Genealogical Committee

Joseph W. Greenwood, head of the San Francisco Stake genealogical committee is a converted Catholic. Born in the Philippines he was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints May 3, 1947 at the age of 38. By 1948 he was serving as YMMIA counselor in San Rafael Branch and 1949-50 was counselor in that Branch presidency and also acting as advisor to the YMMIA of the Santa Rosa District.

When San Rafael became a ward of San Francisco Stake Elder

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Luke M. Robinson
Chairman of the Oakland Stake Genealogical Committee

Luke M. Robinson, has served as chairman of the stake committee efficiently for several years. He probably will be released at the next stake conference.

The genealogical program of the stake has centered lately on training personnel in research, where to find, and how to use. Training classes have been successfully conducted with very able teachers, Mary Russell, Mable Jensen, Alice Muir, L. R. Sparks of the stake and Gustav Schier of San Francisco.

Our goal is (1) a family record in every home in the stake. (2) a pedigree chart completed in every home. (3) a card index to include the name of every family name in each ward on which research work is being done. (4) a personal record by every member of the priesthood to be kept up to date. (5) a book of remembrance by

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SPECIAL ISSUE

Feb. Messenger to Survey L. D. S. Church Libraries

(Stake and ward Sunday School officers please note)

Since the General Sunday School Board recommends strongly Sunday School libraries, the February Messenger will survey accomplishments in this field in the Bay Area stakes. Some attention will also be paid to LDS books to be found in public libraries in the region, and to a few typical LDS home libraries.

Desired immediately are:

1. Reports from stake and ward S. S. officers regarding ward S. S. libraries: (a) lists of books and other aids on hand at present (b) how these are now cared for as in bookcases or special rooms (c) to what extent the collections are being used by teachers (d) what is the method used for checking things out and getting them back (e) future plans for S. S. libraries.

II. Photographs from each stake of one or two good representative ward S. S. libraries and personnel in charge (books and persons in one 8x10 print, or 4x5.

III. Reports of the LDS books now in city and county libraries in the Bay Area; also anti-mormon books: number of books and names, if possible.

IV. Photos and story of at least one representative home collection of LDS books in each stake.

V. Numbers (and names of books if possible) of LDS and anti-mormon books in the universities and colleges af the Bay Area.

Photos should be 4x5 or 8x10 glossy prints by near professionals

Remember the deadline must be close to January 20; before if possible. Send all material direct to The Messenger, 1612 Spruce Street Berkeley.

Hawaiian Temple Head Benjamin L. Bowring President L. A. Temple

Benjamin L. Bowring was named president of the new Los Angeles Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, November 28, 1955. Pres. Bowring is being transferred from the Hawaiian Temple where he has been president since November 1953.

Prior to that he served as president of the Texas-Louisiana Mission. Before that assignment, he served as supervisor of the baptismal department of the Salt Lake Temple, 1938-1942, where he also assisted with ordinance work since 1932.

Pres. Bowring was born in Brigham City, Utah, Sept. 1 1903. Mrs. Bowring was born in Garland, Utah. Both were active in Church organizations from youth.

A so-called new psychological thought and action in disciplining children is now rising, according to Dr. Emerson Cole of Brooklyn College, N. Y. He said in December before a group of psychologists:

"There is room today for a psychology based on insistance on 'toeing' the mark instead of extreme insistance on so-called 'better understanding the socially unacceptable and failures in life."

Joseph Smith Claimed Few Earthly Goods

The Prophet Joseph Smith's birth was celebrated Dec. 23. He gave his all to the kingdom of God. We learn that he reported to the Church conference held Aug. 16, 1841 in Nauvoo, Illionois regarding the Church property in his charge as trustee-in-trust for the Church.

He also took occasion at that time to report the amount of his own earthly possessions which consisted of;

"Old Charley, a horse given to him several years before in Kirtland; two pet deers; two old turkeys and four young ones; one old cow given to him by a brother in Missouri; old Major, a dog; his wife, children, and a little household furniture." (Quoted from **Rise and Fall of Nauvoo.** B. H. Roberts, p. 11).

Similarly Jesus the Christ reported of himself in his day: "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath nowhere to lay his head."

Striking Data On Los Angeles Temple Told

● The site of the Los Angeles Temle comprises 25 acres, with the Temple alone occupying 13 ares. In contrast, the Temple Square in Salt Lake City for tabernacle and Temple alone is ten acres.

● Altho the Los Angeles Temple is constructed of reinforced concrete and structural steel the exterior wall surface is covered with 2¼-inch thick slabs of a beautiful artificial stone facing, each slab measuring 8x7 feet. This stone facing is fastened to the concrete walls by bolts and concrete grout which cements the slabs to the walls. However, an exterior wainscoating extending all a round the Temple is of granite from Minnesota and is in 2½-inch thick slabs.

● Mo-Sai is the name of this patented artificial stone facing and is fabricated in Salt Lake City by the Otto Buehner Company, and is used much in the Salt Lake area.

● Mo-Sai is composed of crushed quartz and white Portland cement so that it has a slight scintillating effect which tends to glow faintly under flood lights, and be lively bright in the daytime.

Interesting Measurements

● The Los Angeles Temple is 301 by 241 feet in size compared to 186 by 118 for the Salt Lake Temple. The sizes of other LDS Temples are: Kirtland 79 by 59, Nauvoo 128 by 83, St. George 141 by 93, Logan 171 by 92, Mesa 184 by 128 (this includes the annex, however), Idaho Falls 131 by 95. The Hawaiian Temple is the smallest of the LDS temples.

● The tower in the Los Angeles Temple is 257 feet high compared

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LDS Institutions Receive Grants From Ford Foundation

The Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah and seven Latter-day Saints hospitals in Utah cities received sizable sums of money according to announced grants from the Ford Foundation. The announcements came in mid-December, 1955.

The Brigham Young University will receive $1,030,000 while the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City will benefit to the extent of $219.800 and the LDS Primary Hospital in Salt Lake by $32,500.

Other LDS hospitals in Utah will receive from $61,000 to $10,000 each, according to the information.

President Ernest Wilkinson of the BYU said by way of comment that such generosity in the public interest made by men of great wealth confirms his strong faith in the free enterprise system that has made America strong and progressive.

COSTS OF TEMPLES

The approximate cost of the Temples of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as given by the Church Historian's office stands as follows:

Kirtland, $200,000; Nauvoo, 1,000,000; St. George, 800,000; Logan, 1,000,000; Manti, 1,000,000 Salt Lake, 3,500,000; Hawaiian 215,000; Alberta, 1,000,000; Mesa, 750,000; Idaho Falls, 700,000; Bern, (est.) 600,00 and Los Angeles (about) 4,000,000.

Attention!

WARD REPORTERS

Special help is immediately needed for material for the February Messenger. See announcement on this page regarding reports needed on Sunday School libraries for the February issue. Will you be willing to help as follows:

(1) Please phone today to your S. S. superintendent and to your S. S. libraian and ask them to read the Messenger's announcement regarding this special issue on libraries, and to send as soon as possible the data and photos as there requested; deadline January 20. Please phone again a few days later and ask what progress is being made in sending this material to the Messenger.

(2) Phone your bishop or others in ward and ask for name of any ward member who is known to have a representative home collection of LDS books for his and family use. Phone to that person and ask for a photo of self, family and books altogether in 4x5 or 8x10 good photo. Send to Messenger, 1612 Spruce, Berkeley on or before January 20 deadline.

Oakland Stake.

Pres. Wright Returns After A Semester Of Business Study

After a semester at the Harvard University School of Business Administration, Oakland Stake President Delbert F. Wright is home again having arrived in December in time for the holidays to greet loved ones, and especially a new grandchild. He thus relieves capable Pres. Elmo Smith who not only acted in place of Delbert in his absence but for the entire presideney while counselor Milton Ream was in Europe.

Good news regarding Merlynn Swensen. This talented and accomulished librarian is called to a mission in France. Mariner and Della are the rejoicing parents.

Livermore Branch Reorganized

Pres. Bruce McLaughlen and counselor Frank Nelsen were released from the Livermore branch presidency recently and Andrew Gardner sustained as president with Dale Nielsen and Clifford Sorensen as counselors. Brother McLaughlen has been a faithful and devoted Church worker over the years. When a Sunday School at Livermore was first organized he was the first superintendent, and became the first branch president some years later. He and his good wife have been most faithful.

Various Church Buildings

Work has been started on the retaining walk and road excavations for the future Inter-Stake Church Center on Temple Hill in Oakland... Oakland Fourth Ward has almost completed its spacious chapel. They are grateful for the many friends who came to the Church exhibit dinner Dec. 9, making it a great success... San Lorenzo Ward is working hard to get the roof on its new chapel, while Centerville is doing well starting its chapel in Niles.

The Jack Powells of Alameda visited the Los Angeles Temple for the third time in three years. During each visit they have taken pictures of the Temple as it progressed. They also visited friends in Hollywood and San Bernadino.

Congratulations to the newly weds, Gladys Martineau of Walnut Creek and Harold William Clayson of Alameda. Reception was held Dec. 30 at the Walnut Creek chapel.

Congratulations to the Earls

The sons and daughters of Brother and Sister Perry G. Earl of Oakland Fourth Ward entertained in honor of their parents golden wedding anniversary, December 8, 1955. Many friends called to offer congratulation.

STRIKING DATA

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to the 210 foot east tower of the Salt Lake Temple, while the statures of the angel Moroni atop the two towers are in height respectively 15½ by 12½ feet. Each is covered with gold leaf which in the case of the Los Angeles Temple cost approximately $900.

- The beautiful marble found in the interior of the Los Angeles Temple came from various places including Italy, France, Vermont and Tennessee.
- The Bureau of Information on the Los Angeles Temple site is a concrete and brick structure, one story ond basement, 160 by 73 feet. Ita is connected to the temple by a spacious tunnel not for heating pipes but for passing into the temple as desired.
- The general public groups who will be conducted thru the Los Angeles Temple December 19 to February 18 will gather in the Bureau of Information and be conducted into the temple thru the tunnel spoken of above.
- The Westwood Ward have a chapel on Temple site which was completed in 1052. The whole site was purchased from the estate of the former movie actor, Harold Lloyd.

Parents Convinced Work In Holy Temples Blesses Youth Much

By Theodore V. Verhaaren of Palo Alto, Ward bishopric

Outstanding among spiritual events of the last five years in the Palo Alto Stake was the temple excursion of June 1952. Led by Jesse and Florence Marshall of the stake genealogical committee, 65 young men and women, principally members of junior genealogical classes, gathered one bright June morning on Temple Square in Salt Lake City and entered the House of the Lord to engage in baptisms for the dead.

So beautiful was the spirit of the occasion that no one who participated will ever forget it. Since special arrangements had been made for Palo Alto brethren to perform the sacred ordinances in and at the font, a wonderful harmony pervaded throughout; and the radiant faces of the young people clearly portrayed the thrill they expreienced in hearing those names pronounced which they themselves had entered upon temple sheets.

At the same time, leaders and parents who attended were strengthened in their conviction that of all activities of the Church none holds more promise to keep our youth close to the Lord than these experiences of standing in holy places, and taking part in sacred temple ordinances.

San Leandro

Henrietta Thissens Honored at Farewell

By Lorna Beach

A missionary farewell testimonial was recently given in honor of Henrietta Thiessens. She will enter Mission Home in Salt Lake City, January 4, and will labor in the East Central States.

We welcome Brother Daniel Canning who was baptized recently by our home missionaries.

Many of our young people were home for the holidays from their various colleges: Janet Haycock, Donna Schipper and Joan Heath from Brigham Young university and Bobbie DuBois from Santa Rosa Junior College. Jay Winter was home on leave from the Navy.

Herman Davis was recently sustained as assistant Sunday School superintendent. Louis Schofield was called to serve as financial ward clerk. Robert Glyssmier was called to serve as stake financial clerk. Barbara Allphin will be Relief Society social science leader.

Mrs. E. Watkins, mother of Donna Nelson, is doing very nicely at her home, after major surgery. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

Bishop's Message:

San Leandro Ward approaches the beginning of 1956 with optimism and thanksgiving.

During the coming year we expect much progress in our efforts to build a new chapel in which to house the ever-growing membership of the ward.

Oakland Third

Teenagers Deeply Impressed on Trip To Mesa Temple

By Eleanor Goodsell

As a teenager I went to the Mesa Temple with the Oakland Stake excursion in the spring of 1951. Unlike others Temples in which I had been permitted to do baptismal work for the dead, a testimony meeting was held each morning before these sacred ordinances.

I was happy to be called to play the organ while Donna Wilkinson, another teenager led the singing.

The testimonies were beautiful and the spirit helped to put one in the proper mood for the great work we were to do. Of course I was also impressed with the opportunity to serve in music and speech as well as to be able to do work for departed ones.

Also I was impressed later in the day to hear Hazel Allen describe the beauty of the marriage ceremony performed that day in the Temple by Pres. Payne, It made me desire a Temple wedding for myself by Pres. Payne when the time came for me to be married. I was saddened to hear of his death a short time later.

Such excursions to holy Temples help to build testimonies in the young as well as in adults, and to bind new friendships as well as strengthen old ones.

I Am Very Grateful For Temple Marriage For The Eternities

By Vernell Le Cheminant

Because receiving the holy endowments in the Mesa Temple with the Temple excursion of the East Bay stakes in 1951 was my first such experience everything in that holy place deeply impressed me.

At that time I resolved that when the time came for my marriage I would have President Harry Payne perform the ceremony in the Mesa Temple. My desire was fulfilled July 1, 1952.

One experience in 1951 in that Temple which led to my resolve was the witnessing of a marriage ceremony in the Temple performed by President Payne. It was so very beautiful to behold.

I am very grateful for my Temple marriage. The ceremony at the time was beautiful and satisfying, and has left an indelible impression with me to guide me throughout time and eternity.

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Youth Auto Trip to Arizona Temple ReLived With Joy

By Neita Van Noy

A memorable occasion in 1951, a special Temple excursion from Oakland Stake to the Mesa Temple during Easter vacation was planned by the stake genealogical committee, Herbert Van Noy, then being head of that commitee, for the benfit of the young people of the stake. It took the young folks to the Temple during their school vacation so that they could enjoy the blessings and privileges of doing baptisms for the dead in the holy place of our Lord.

Besides the 35 young people of the stake many adults also joined the excursion, so that a total of ten cars were needed. Those that I recall driving cars were the Elmer Clarks, the Van Noys, the Earls, Lee Ashby, Don Brown, Clarence Goodsell, Mary Russell, and Bob Brummett.

This being the first time in a Temple for most of the boys and girls they anticipated and received much inspiration from these choice experiences. All felt that the Lord was with them, guiding and directing their efforts.

We were especially grateful that our son Don was one of the group, a blessing which we ever cherish. Pres. Harry Payne of the Temple received the boys in the Temple and talked to them. I am sure they will never forget the enlightening spirit that was present as they prepared to go for the baptisms.

These shared sacred experiences drew them close to one another. I shall never forget the joy and gladness we felt when Brother Van Noy and his sister took endowments for their parents, and were sealed to them.

In witnessing the marriage ceremonies in the Temple at that time, we were greatly touched by the inspiring advice Pres. Payne gave the couple which if followed, would keep every marriage happy.

Many of the young people who were with us on the trip to Mesa have filled missions, both stake and full-time. Those of just one car who are now out in the mission field are Elders Don Van Noy, Art Daniels, Blair Mason and Lanny Compton, while Don Brown recently returned fror the armed services.

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Temple Excursion Highlights Recalled

The first Mesa Temple excursion from the East Bay was made via a Southern Pacific exclusively chartered excursion train, Dec. 1934. George Southgate, then a local tailor, was one of the spark plugs for the event.

An entire train, engine and all cars, was devoted exclusively to this LDS group. It was a joy on that train to walk from car to car and find in every seat well-known church members with but one thought—temple work we were to do in the lovely Mesa Temple. Friendly visiting from car to car enlivened the trip all the way, coming and going. Group hymn singing rang thru the cars from time to time.

The train was met at Mesa by a reception committee and a local band. Special entertainment was provided and sight-seeing tours arranged without cost.

A heavenly spirit pervaded all activities of the excursion, especially the hours spent within the temple. Lodging was made pleasant in the homes of saints in Mesa.

First Bus Excursion

The second Mesa Temple excursion from East Bay was made in a chartered Greyhound bus about 1937. Every seat was filled with church members and happy hours of conversation passed the time rapidly. Several brethren brought musical instruments, such as guitars and mouth organs, which furnished accompianments for group singing of old favorites.

Bus stops were made to suit the convenience of all. The Arizona desert was in spring bloom during that Easter vacation period of the excursion.

Agnes Southgate, then recently miraculously healed of breast cancer, made the trip and had the sealings completed of her father's family just as she had been told to do in a dream that had preceeded her healing. Thus a genealogical link was forged on her records which beforetime she thought had been attended to. The disease subsequently reappeared and she passed passed peacefully away.

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Bancroft Library Anniversary

First Mormon Book Given To U. C. Library

Under the heading shown above the Berkeley Gazette of Nov. 26, 1955 carried the following story:

"The Bancroft Library, the University of California's famed historical and literary research center of Western materials, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its existence on the Berkeley campus today with the acquisition of a rare volume comprising the first book published by the Mormon Church.

"Titled, The Book of Commandments, it was printed in 1832-33 at Zion ((Independence) Missouri, marking the farthest westward advance of publishing in America at that time. The valuable book contains the 'revelations of God', the Mormon Church founder, Joseph Smith, received from 1829 on.

"...Chancellor Clark Kerr accepted the book-gift of the Friends of the Bancroft Library—for the University."

What Is This Book?

Many Latter-day Saints and their friends are asking, What is this book of Commandments? The 1955 course of study in the Sunday School Gospel Doctrine classes of the Church, entitled Teachings of the Doctrine and Covenants, by Wiliam E. Berrett, contains an answer to the question of the originality of The Book of Commandments.

We are told that the Prophet Joseph called a conference of the priesthood members to meet at Hiram, Ohio, (near Kirtland) Nov. 1 and 2, 1831. To that conference he presented the motion that his collection of revelations be accepted as scrpture and published under the title, "The Book of Commandments."

"The conference authorized the publication of the revelations as the Book of Commandments and appointed Oliver Cowdery to go to Independence, Missouri, to supervise the publication...

"It was not until the fall of 1833 that the printed sheets of the Book of Commandments were assembled ready for binding...On the night of July 23, 1833, a mob broke into the printing establishment, carried away the press, pied the type, burned most of the papers and printed matter.

"One of the elders working on the publication, upon seeing the mob at the front door hastily snatched up an armload of the assembled sheets of the Book of Commandments, and finding his way thru the rear door, buried them beneath the hay of an old barn...and the copies, at least twenty in number, were preserved...

"Of the several copies of the original printing, one found its way into the hands of Wilford Woodruff, later President of the Church, who donated the copy to the Church Historian's Library, where it now reposes with other copies. Still other copies are to be found in various collector's libraries.

"One copy came into the hands of William Henricks...(who) upon the death of the Prophet Joseph led away a small following...commonly knoyn as 'Hendrickites'. This small Church, with headquarters in Independence, Missouri (they still own part of the original temple lot there) has published the Book of Commandments as its official volume of Latter-day revelations."

It will seem, therefore, the copy of the Book of Commandments which was presented to the Bancroft Library as mentioned above has come from some collector's library, having been purchased for presentation to the University by a group of people organized for such purposes and calling themselves simply "Friends of the Bancroft Library."

Youth Humbled By Auto Accident Going To Temple

By Don Brown
Oakland 3rd Ward

The Mesa Temple will always hold a most important place in my life. It was there that my testimony was founded. The Temple in Mesa was he first one I had ever had the privilege of entering, yet this alone is not the reason it holds such an important spot in the building of my testimony. There I learned humility and my own imperfection.

Dimond Ward had planned a special mission excursion to Mesa, Arizona early in the spring of 1951. Our purpose for making the trip was to give the youth of our ward the opportunity of entering a Temple of the Lord and doing work for the souls who had gone on before. I was eighteen at the time and didn't realize the height of the privilege that was to be afforded me. The foremost thing in my mind was the enjoyment the trip itself would give.

Five fellows in my priesthood quorum made plans to ride with me in my 1935 Plymouth to our destination. We fell a little short of reaching our ultimate destination in my Plymouth, however. The last few miles of our jounrney was made in an ambulance. Somehow the windshield of my car came up and hit me in the face.

After the accident the fellow who was driving at the time and my self ended up in the hospital. Before we had a chance to recover enough to be moved, the Church members in the area went into action. I have never seen so much unselfish giving of time, effort and

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ALAMEDA WARD CHOIR

FRONT ROW: Matniu Fonomoana (asst. organist) Max Robison (ward Clerk) Rollin C. Smith (1st counselor) Bishop Arnold Bangerter, Wayne Lambourne (2nd counselor) Joan Larsen, Pat Orr, Afitha Hoff.

MIDDLE ROW: Marge Sutton, Marilyn, Beverly Rodgers, Cheryl Gustaveson, Pat Allen, Barbara Pratt, Glorin Pappas, Pat Lane.

Back Row: Mildred Fralick (organist) Sonny Fonoimoana, Tom Stam, Api Tufaga, Kendall Clayson, Larry Fonoimoana, Betty Pappas,

My Life Has Been Changed In Many Ways By Going To A Holy Temple

By Beverly Garbett,
Castro Valley Ward

My life has been affected in many ways since at eighteen I was fortunate enough to be chosen one of the Hayward young people in 1951 to enter the Mesa Temple and do baptism work for the dead.

I was coming into the period of life when a girl begins to think seriously what she wishes from life and to consider what the Church program has to offer her. I had been sufficiently active in the Church to believe the things that had been taught me in Sunday School. But the security and sense of closeness to the Lord that I gained on this Temple excursion is felt only by one who has gone into the House of the Lord.

My feelings when going throught the Temple at that time were as if I was walking with the Lord. This gave me the conviction that the only right thing for me to do was to dedicate myself to the teachings He had set down as a pattern for our lives.

My life has been enriched many times by attending Church meetings. It seems now that the regular Sunday School and sacrament meetings are able to give me the same divine feelings which I first felt in the Temple.

Because I realized how much healthier and happier a person becomes by living the teachings of the Lord, I tried to associate more with the people of my own faith. I attended the Brigham Young University, and later married a man who is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I know now that because of our beliefs and with the help of the Church's family program my husband and I will be able to raise a good family and to offer our children a clean, wholesome home life where they will be taught the glories of God in the spirit of the Lord.

I should like to encourage everyone to keep themselves worthy to enter the House of the Lord. Thus alone will they ever be able to realize how very much is gained by walking with the Lord and feeling a sense of complete security. It is indeed a very comforting feeling to have the Comforter with one.

Alameda Ward

"Chapel Chatter" New Ward Paper Appears

By Amelia Everett

Alameda is about ready to put out its first issue of ward news, titled, "Chapel Chatter."

Daughters of Utah Pioneers had a gay Christmas party Dec. 14 at the home of Amelia Everett. A pot-luck dinner, carol singing, three Christmas stories from pioneer lessons given by Mildred Fontano, distribution of gifts were features.

Cdr. David Berrey has been transferred to Washington D. C. He left with his wife, Roberta, and children, Dec. 17. They will stop in Salt Lake City where they hope to do some temple work as they visit.

Brother Oscar Fontano has been very ill the past month.

Sister Albertina Nimetz is recovering from a severe illness. Brother Nimetz was also ill, but is back at work.

Babies Blessed: Stephen Francis Lyman, Kerry Lynn Vincent, Robert Lani Hanson and Pamela Kay Christensen.

Confirmed member: Kathleen Ann Baker.

Oakland Stake

1956 WELFARE BANQUET CALLS FOR 22,000 LBS. LIVE, DRESSED BEEF

The 1956 budget assignment for Oakland Stake has been received and is as follows: beef on the hoof, 16,600 pounds; dressed beef, 5700 pounds; dressed pork, 836 pounds; barley, 50,500 pounds; trousers, mens, 230 pairs and boys 230 pairs; and the following canned goods: tomateoes 14,130; peaches 2095; pears 5042; tomato juice, 4076.

Word has been received here that Gregory Beebe suffered burns covering 39% of his body (none on his face). He was climbing for a bird's nest, and touched a high power line, but is recovering at Chandler, Arizona. He is the son of Elder and Ruth Beebe. Ruth was Relief Society president in Alameda Ward for almost three years.

In October, a baby shower was given Virginia Noble at the home of Charleen Stowell. Lola Payne was co-hostess.

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Youth Excursion Give Acquaintance With Holy Temples

By Lee Ashby

In March 1951 Oakland Stake conducted a Temple excursion to the Mesa Temple. The young people of the stake were encouraged to participate for baptismal work as well as to become better acquainted with our Temples.

At the time I was teaching the Jr. Gleaners and some M-Men in Dimond Ward. It was an exceptional class, and many of them went along to Arizona. I drove a carload of my class including Eleanor Goodsell, Suzanne Poulton, Vernell Jorgensen, Donna Wilkinson, as well as Hazel Allen. Going into the Temple with these people was a thrilling experience.

An unfortunate accident on the way to Mesa caused five of the boys to be late for the baptism work on Monday. A special baptism service was arranged for Wednesday at which these boys and most of my girls and others performed many more vicarious baptisms and confirmations for the dead. It was a distinct thrill for me to watch how happy it made these youths to be taking part in these sacred ordinances.

My greatest thrill, however, came in attending a wedding ceremony which Pres. Payne performed. So beautiful was it, that we all wondered how any of our young people could ever think of being married in any other way. Last year I attended the marriage of my sister in that same Temple but performed by Pres. Pierce. I was delighted to behold that he was carrying on as his predecessor had done, uniting charming young couples for time and eternity in a most memorable and beautiful ceremony.

The excursion in 1951 drew us close together. I feel that the effect has been lasting because most of those young people from my class have since done stake and full-time missionary work—in fact four of the young men are now on missions, and one other has been on a mission and now is married and a father. We were all greatly enriched by this Temple experience.

OAKLAND SECOND WARD DOUBLE MIXED QUARTET: Shown above, left to right, Mabel Drushell, Jean Viestel, Theodore Mudge, Bruce Whita, Carl Wachter, Vinice Smith and Marion MacDonald. Truman Nethercott, absent.

Pres. McLaughlin Released With Thanks After Seven Years

By Eileen Ruff

With the release after seven years of service, of President Bruce W. McLaughlin, the branch presidency was reorganized, under the direction of Elmo R. Smith of the Oakland Stake presidency. Frank Nelson, who has moved to San Leandro, and Andrew Gardner, were also released as counselors.

Andrew Gardner was sustained as the new branch president. He chose Dale Nielsen and Clifford Sorensen as his counselors. James Olsen replaced Phillip Butler as clerk.

Mary Nelson, Junior Sunday School coordinator, has been succeeded by Pauline Prestwich.

To Ogden members: We were sorry to lose Lois Thinnes to you. She was one of the most successful Junior Sunday School teachers that the branch has ever had.

We now have a new teacher for the gospel doctrine class in Sunday School. The new teacher, Brother Simmons, is good—you should see him operate. He replaces Jim Ruff, who is moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico. David Cummings family will occupy the Ruff home.

YOUTH AUTO TRIP

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We feel that we have the best young people in the world. Such blessed experiences as this Temple excursion will help to always keep them so. We are grateful to our heavenly Father for his glorious Temples.

A roster of those on this Mesa trip would include the Elmer Clarks, the Van Noys, the Goodsells, the Gees, the Earls, Thurza Boyle, Mildred Morgan, Fontana, Berdie Breck, Gerardus Scheuller, Mary Russell, Lucille Shaw, Hazel Allen, the Charles Stamps, Bob Brummett, his mother and aunt, the Marchants, Sis. Wilkins, Iona Goodsell and three children. Lee Ashby, May Allen, Joan Russell, Itene and Eleanor Goodsell, Vernell Jorgensen, Donna Wilkins, Don Brown and Clyde Russell, Lanny Compton, Blair Mason, two Shaw boys, two Payne boys, the Shaw girls and many others whom I do not know.

JESSE MARSHALL

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of the Lord when the opportunity presents itself.

Personally our desire is to return someday ta a temple and become an ordinance worker such as we once were. We enjoy the work; it is a real challenge of the Lord's work.

JOSEPH W. GREENWOOD

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Greenwood became counselor to Bishop Weston Roe, 1950-51. In September 1951 he moved to San Salvador, Central America to become assistant manager for Grace and Company. While there 1951-1953 he served as part-time missionary and also as president of the San Salvador Branch of the Church.

Recalled to San Francisco in 1953 Elder Greenwood became first counselor to Pres. James W. Challis of S. F. Stake mission with a special assingment to the Spanish-speaking people.

Apostle Le Grand Richards set him apart as a stake high counselor in 1953. His call to head the stake genealogical committee came in August 1955, succeeding Harold J. Hickenlooper. He feels that special attention could well be given to home teaching of genealogical research, record keeping, and temple work in behalf of our kindred dead.

LUKE M. ROBINSON

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young and old.

Elder Robinson says, "I am grateful for the privilege of having served the fine people of the Oakland Stake with the good members of the stake and ward committees. They are the finest stake."

Mother, Two Sons Young Daughter Enter Mesa Temple

By Mrs. Clyde A. Russell, Oakland Third

I last visited the Mesa Temple in the spring of 1851 when the Dimond Ward conducted a special excursion, especially for the young people during their vacation ttime. With me were Don who had recently returned from a mission, Clyde Jr., and Joan.

A visit to the Temple is always full of heart throbs, but it always seems that a few pearls of great price shine out above other former ones. This trip followed that pattern, and was no exception. It was beyond description to have on that occasion two sons and a daughter sharing my labors for our kindred dead; and to have one son old enough to take out some of the endowments was a new high in satisfaction.

Don and I spent our time in this manner, while the other two did baptisms for some eighty ancstors on our own line. This made us truly happy for having the opportunity of this service to our dear departed.

I also had the privilege of witnessing a marriage ceremony performed by Pres. Harry Payne, now deceased. The gems of wisdom that passed from his lips to the young couple would keep their love shining bright forever if they remember his counsel. The Spirit of the Lord was so powerful in that room, I have only to close my eys in order to feel again the same heavenly peace.

Perhaps the greatest inspiration of all on this particular trip came in one the morning meetings which were held previous to our starting the labors in the Temple for the day. Bro. Payne was giving us strength and encouragement to abide our day on earth, to stand firm in the knowledge of having done our best.

Said he, "Even tho your place in life or your job be small, even if it seems insignificent, yet if you will fill that small call to the best of your ability you will stand equal with the President of the Church in the sight of the Lord."

This was real encouragement to carry over to the periods that aflict each one of us, periods when our efforts seem useless and unavailing, when the devil himself tells us that our efforts are so futile—these are the times when the voice of Pres. Payne are heard again as he spoke them in the Mesa Temple, and his living message brings us strength.

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Inspiring Experiences

by Mabel B. Liddell

The deep joy that is felt when going to the Temple of the Lord for the first time is so far reaching that it spreads into every tiny crevice of our lives—it is difficult to limit this joy to words. With Mrs. Robert Larson of Sunset Ward we can all say, "Words cannot describe the joy of knowing that you are sealed to your husband for time and all eternity and that your children will always be yours.'" Brother and Sister Larson traveled to the Idaho Falls Temple for this sacred ordinance. They are recent converts to the church, having been first visited by the missionaries only about three years ago.

Sister Larson states that a second thrill was their recent visit to the Los Angeles Temple where even standing on the grounds outside, they felt the beautiful spirit of the Lord. They were accompanied on this trip by their children, Dwight 10½, Carol 9 and Patty 7. Sister Larson states that when she was attempting to explain baptism for the dead to the children she was elated to learn that Dwight actually understood more about the ordinance than she. He had learned about it in Sunday School.

The sparkling golden statue of Moroni on the tip top of the temple spire attracts everyone, and the Larsons were told that on a clear day it can be seen as far away as San Pedro.

An Interesting Story

One of the guides related to them an interesting story of the artists who had painted one of the murals in the Temple. He was a member of another church but after his work in helping prepare the Temple, and associating with the people there, he was so impressed that he decided to join this wonderful Church if his wife would accept it with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mayfield of Sunset Ward traveled to the Logan Temple in July of this year for their endowments and sealing. Their children, Judy 15, Janice 14 and Cheryl 9 acompanied them. Brother and Sister Mayfield have been members of the Church all their lives and have been married for eighteen years, but Sister Mayfield says "If only you could let people know how much more peaceful and secure your home is, after this Temple work is done—how much more joy there is in being a family working together as a single unit rather than several individuals."

The Mayfield daughters were very much impressed with the sacred beauty of the service and the Temple. Sister Mayfield had the added joy of taking her seventy-two-year old mother to the Temple also for her endowments.

One incident while there impressed this little family very deeply. It was the opportunity of witnessing another family sealing. A young mother with her three little children were being sealed to their husband and father who had died. It was a touching occasion accompanied by deep emotion and tear-filled eyes and served to greatly accent the joy the Mayfields felt in the knowledge that they could experience this beautiful moment together. They were happy beyond words that they hadn't put it off any longer.

A Sacred Experience

Brother Edwin Soliai, a San Francisco Stake missionary relates the following sacred experience:

In November of this year, he and his wife, Noatia with their three children, Miller, 5, Eddie 3, and John 19 months traveled to the Salt Lake Temple for their endowments and sealing. It was a joyous occasion, an opportunity they had anticipated for many months.

On their way home they were also privileged to visit the Manti Temple where they performed ordinances for the dead. Sister Soliai felt an unusual gladness all the while she was performing this ordinance. The lady for whom she was doing the work seemed so close, she actually expected to see her. That night on their homeward trip they stopped to rest at a motel in Parowan, Utah. Upon retiring for the night, just after they had turned out the light, Sister Soliai heard a voice calling her, as though it was coming from a great distance. As the voice came closer, she saw, standing in a lovely light beside her bed, a woman who announcel her name twice then disappeared. Sister Soliai realized immediately that the name was the same as the one she had taken through the Manti temple that day.

Juarez Aaronic Priesthood

Brother Lester B. Farnsworth, now living in San Francisco, tells this touching and inspiring experiece while he was serving as a high councilman in Juarez Stake, Mexico in the winter of 1932.

He was appointed by his stake president to organize a Temple excursion for the Aaronic Priesthood to perform baptism's for the dead in the Mesa temple. This was during the depression and almost everyone was 'hard up' as Brother Farnsworth puts it, but he went through the stake and assembled sixy boys who were willing to go. They secured three **open** trucks with which to make the 500 mile journey. The boys took heavy coats and quilts to wrap themselves in and with twenty boys to a truck they started out. When part way there, one truck broke down and a wonderful bishop in New Mexico loaned them another in which they completed the journey.

Upon arriving in Mesa the Temple authorities granted them the Temple facilities for the entire day for their ordinances.

Fastidious Appetites Appeased At Banquet High Priests, Wives

The higlight of an **active year for the San Francisco Stake high priests quorum** was their annual dinner held at the Stakehouse on the evening of November 12, 1955. President I. Allen Whitecar and counselors George F. Simister and Leon N. Swenson set out to serve a meal that would appeal to the most fastidious appetite, and they did just that.

The menu included corned beef and cabbage, baked potatoes and buns made from whole wheat processed in the new milling machine purchased by the Quorum during the year.

This flavorful menu, which was prepared with the finesse of a chef by the kitchen technics of wives of the quorum presidency and members, topped with ice cream and served professionally by faithful volunteers from Balboa 1st and Balboa 2nd, Mission, San Francisco, San Rafael and Sunset Wards, attracted approximately 200 guests, high priests, their wives and families.

Among those in attendance were Stake President and Sister Serge J. Lauper, President Wilford B. Murray (Sister Murray being ill), President and Sister Wallace N. Allred, Stake Clerk B. Herman Schettler and Assistant Stake Clerk Evan C. Ray and their wives. Following the dinner a delightful program of instrumental and vocal music was presented by Brother and Sister Richard Storrs, Mrs. James A. Kennelly, Albert D. Fallows, Laraine Evans and the Steers brothers—Jess, Don and Jeff.

The entire group met in the chapel for a beautiful meeting at the beginning of the day. Brother Farnsworth says there were so many of them in the group that some had to stand. He was standing at the rear when just as the boys had completed singing a song, he heard another group singing. It was beautiful music, so divinely beautiful that there was hardly a dry eye in the audience. It seemed to be coming from another room just above them and Brother Farnsworth thought there was another group meeting some place in the Temple. After the assembly however, two or three sisters who were Temple workers came to ask him if he had heard the angelic choir. They had heard it and they explained that there was no other group meeting in the Temple that day. It had been an angelic host of singers—and since these courageous boys performed between fourteen hundred and fifteen hundred baptisms for the dead that day, it is supposed by Brother Farnsworth that the recipients of this unselfish work were singing their grateful appreciation that morning.

S. F. Stake Meeting Calendar

JANUARY 1956:

SUNDAY, JAN. 1—Fast Sunday. (Happy New Year!)
THURSDAY, JAN. 5—7:00 p.m. Stake Mel. Pr. and Sr. Aaronic Pr. Committees. Stake Conference.
SATURDAL, JAN. 7—6:30 p.m Welfare meeting.

STAKE CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, 8:00 p.m. Priesthood Leadership.
8—10:00 a.m. General Session.
2:30 p.m. General Session.
7:00 p.m. M.I.A Session.
MONDAY, 9—9:40 a.m. Stake Primary Prep'n Meeting.
SUNDAY, 15—2:30 p.m. Stake and Ward Welfare Committees.
7:45 p.m. Monthly Stake Priesthood Meeting.
7:45 p.m. Heads of Auxiliary organizations, Stake Pres and High Council.
FRIDAY, 20—Exporer M.I.A. Maid Kitchen Karnival.
SATURDAY, 21—M-Men Gleaner and Jr. Gleaner snow trip.

Sunet Ward

7 Confirmations Attended To; 10 Ordinations

By Oreti E. Aaron

The ward welcomes seven recently confirmed membrs: Henry Harris Kind, Charles Peter Van Tassell, Louis Edwin Terramorse, Michael Emil Clark, Rodney Lynn Hales, Cheryl Ann Posey, and Sandra Renae Leven... Our congratulations to the parents of Linda Margaret Rich and Todd Baxter Kellogg who were blessed recently.

Ordained to the office of deacon were: Dennis Gordon Brown, Russell H. Ritchie, Henry Harris Kind, Ronald Satterlee, Louis Edwin Terramorse, Harold Lawrence Clark, and Douglas S. Aaron; to the offiice of teacher: Gary Spratling; and to the office of priest, Wayne Engel and James R. Scalmanini.

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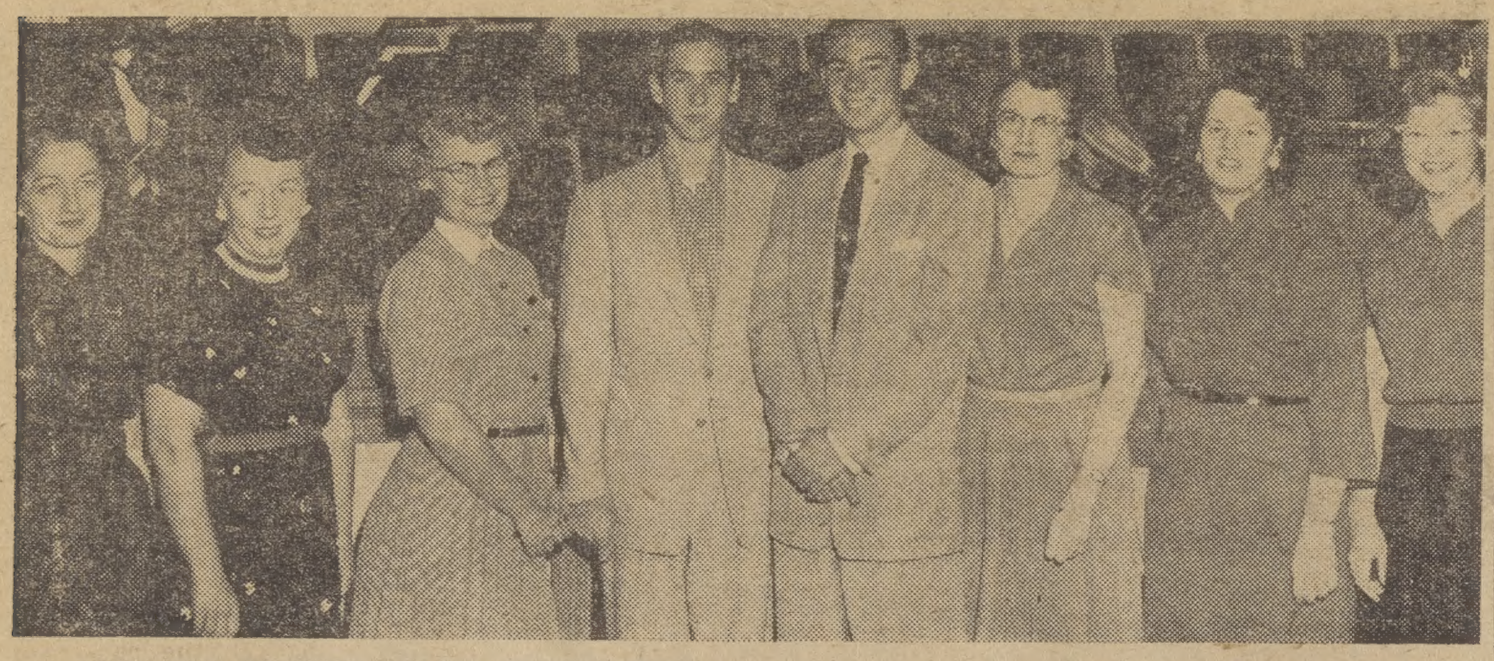

OAKLAND SECOND WARD CHORISTERS AND ORGANISTS, the ward musci Committee. Shown above, left to right. Alina Wachter, ward chorister; Mary Bunch, Primary chorister; Geraldine Lewis, Sunday School chorister; Rex Montgomery, priesthood organist; Eldon Speed, Priesthood chorister; Rayma Bruch, asst. ward organist; Sidney Thoreson, asst. ward organist; and Karen Shaw Primary organist.

Temple Workers Get Impressions To Guide Temple Labors

By George Hughes

The following communication will explain itself.

Congratulations for your decision to feature temple work in the January 1956 issue of the Messenger. When the special temple issue of the Improvement Era (November, 1955) arrived I was so intrigued that I read it from cover to cover. Temple work for many years has been an essential part of the life of Nelle and myself. For the past ten years or so we have spent our vacation in the temples working for our dead ancestors and for those of our friends.

This past September and October we spent the greater part of three weeks in the Salt Lake and Manti temples. As we left Menlo Park, Saturday morning at 3 a.m. on September 17, 1955, the air was warm and the sky was clear with the stars shining brightly. All was serene as we sped up the foothills into the Sierra Nevada mountains; however, the clouds began to appear. The weather Bureau announced storms and rains over Nevada. As we pressed on we soon ran into those storms with winds and rain beating our car.

But it was just like being in heaven, the following Monday morning, as we entered the Manti Temple and were met and greeted by the Temple presidency with a hearty smile and a sincere welcome. We felt we had been welcomed home. A joy and happiness fiilled our very soul until we quivered in every fiber of our bodies. At the chapel meeting I was asked to make a few remarks and bear my testimony. I expressed our joy at being there and mentioned that the elements seemed to have combined against us to test us in our determination to do temple work but we would not be stopped by storms, even of cloudburst proportions, from joining with the brothers and sisters in partaking of the spiritual blessing enjoyed nowhere else in the world than in the temples of our Lord.

We Followed an Impression

Two years ago we went to Salt Lake City. We spent Sunday in Church with members of our families and arranged with them to go on working in the Salt Lake Temple for several days. But about 4 a.m. Monday morning I awakened Nelle and told her we had to be in Manti as quicklyy as we could get there. We hurriedly got ready, bid our loved ones in Salt Lake goodbye for the time being, and sped down to Manti, going directly to the Temple. As we walked into the Temple, President Anderson greeted us warmly and asked me to get clothed quickly and meet him in the sealing room inasmuch as they had been waiting for me.

I hurriedly prepared myself and went directly to the sealing room. There I was surprised to be greeted by my mother's sister, a widow, and her four children. My Aunt was waiting for me, said she knew I would come, and yet no message had been sent to me by human means. Acting for my uncle who had neglected to take care of this most essential ordinance while he was on earth with his family, I was sealed to my aunt for time and all eternity; then the children were sealed to their parents, in order that they all could be together again after their missions on earth were filled. After the sealing, we embraced each other and stood with our arms around each other with tears streaming unnoticed down our faces with great spiritual fervor and rejoicing. I could hear my uncle's "thank you, thank you, thank you."

A Church member in Menlo Park Ward, very active in geneology, is the only member of her family in our Church. She had prepared many names of her ancestors and asked how she could get the temple work done for them. I told her we were going on our vacation soon and Nelle and I would do the work. The names were at the Salt Lake Temple, the baptism and confirmation work had been done, and for a week we did the endowment work. At the end of the week Nelle and I decided to transfer to Manti, so Friday afternoon we got our names, I arranged with the clerk to send the names to Manti Temple. I watched her address the envelope, place all the cards inside, and seal it. She assured me that she would mail it immediately and that it would be there first thing Monday morning.

Had a Feeling to Go Back

Early Monday morning, while we were getting ready I told Nelle that I had the strongest feeling that I should go back to the Salt Lake Temple. I tried to brush it aside, so before 6 a.m. we were driving south on State Street toward Manti. Some miles out of Salt Lake I pulled over to the side of the road and told Nelle that we had to return to the Salt Lake Temple. We did this, getting there well before 7 a.m., the time for the first session of the day. As we walked into the clerk's office to

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Congratulations Bp., Mae Scorville and The Fluckigers

By Maurine Pratt

Congratulations are extended from the San Francisco Ward members to Bishop Elwood and Mae Scoville and Henry Lamont and Nada Fluckiger for the arrival of a new member in each respective household, a baby girl, Karen Joy, to the Scovilles, November 25th, the Fluckingers have a baby boy, Kellan LaMont born December 10th.

Temples were the scenes of two marriages during December. Martha Ann Smith and Rex M. Jones were married in the Salt Lake Temple, December 8th. They will make their home in Oakland, California. Kathleen Brown married Elwood Wilson in the Mesa Temple, December 20th. They plan to live in San Francisco.

We are proud of Darlene Irvin from San Francisco Ward for winning the stake M. I. A. speech competition.

All organizations of the ward joined in a Christmas party December 23rd. The Primary put on part of the program, Santa Claus being an important guest.

Sister Viola C. Armand gave her missionary experiences in the Central Atlantic States mission where she spent much of her time as personal secretary to President Nalder.

William Reich, Ruth Ann Boyer and Johann G. Meyer and family are leaving to attend the Brigham Young University. They have just been released from the service.

The San Francisco Ward choir, under the direction of Babette Homolya, presented the Christmas musical program in a sacrament meeting, December 18th. A beautiful service was presented, full of the true spirit of our Lord and Saviour both in song and word.

AND THOU SHALT TEACH THEM (THE COMMANDMENTS) UNTO THY CHILDREN, AND THOU SHALT TALK OF THEM WHEN THOU SITTETH IN THY HOUSE".
—Deueronamy 6:7.

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"And this shal be a law unto the inhabitants of kion, or any of her stakes that are organized." D.&C. 68: 25, 26.

Valiant Cripple Did Temple Work For Hundreds

By Anne Livingston, Sunnyvale

The thing that I now recall most vividly from among the many lovely experiences we had when the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes took an excursion to the Manti Temple several years ago was that of a cripple named Brother Williams whom we met there. He went thru the Temple with us almost at every session tho he had to support himself on two canes. The brothers who were near to him would assist him during the ceremonies.

He told me one day when I spoke to him that that day he had completed the Temple work for the 2800th name over the years of steady work there. He said that when he first started the work in the Temple he had to be carried all the way, then he improved so that he could go on crutches, and at last he was able to go along in the work with the aid of two canes.

After returning home I sent him, as promised, 55 names which he worked for. My aunt in Utah also sent him names. Sometime later we leanred that he passed on. I have thought of the joyous reception he must have received in that better land from all the hundreds for whom he performed the vicarious work. I recalled the Saviour's words..."but lay ye up treasures in heaven".

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A Former Catholic Rejoices In Gospel, Especially Temples

By Florence M. Milsip

After having been raised in the Catholic Church, the most wonderful experience in my life came when I heard the true Gospel, and had the privilege of entering the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. To mingle with and have the association of the Saints has also been a very enjoyable experience.

Some time after joining the Church, when I was planning a trip East to visit my family and other relatives, I was approached by a sister of the genealogy committee who encouraged me to gather family data while in the East. Up to that time genealogy was a new subject to me. When I had it explained to me I began to realize that joining the Church was just the beginning. There was still a great responsibility resting upon me.

I had not realized before that there were still other things for me to do in order to work out my salvation and exaltation, and that I now had responsibility to my dead relatives and parents. Now came a realization that I could accomplish ordinances while living that would affect their lives beyond the veil.

And so I had the blessing last August of going with the Palo Alto Stake excursion to the Salt Lake Temple. It was a spiritual feast for me and brought a feeling of being near to heaven. I wish that I had words to fully express the joy I felt from such a glorious experience.

I would like to impress everyone with the importance for us to serve willingly in the various organizations of the Church so that by keeping the commandments of God we will be prepared and become worthy of going to the holy Temples to receive the added ordinances and sealings received only there.

I would like also to leave the thought that tho we serve faithfully in the Church and yet fail to take advantage of the blessings of the Temples we will not be worthy of exaltation. In other words we will not have our companions and children sealed to us and a continuation of the family after the ressurection.

I know that when I close my eyes here, and open them beyond the veil, my mother and sister whom I never knew will be there waiting to receive me in eternal union and I will know them for the first time.

I was only four months old when my mother passed away, and was two years old when my sister died.

May each of us strive to gather our genealogy, and then go to the Temple and do the work for their redemption, I humbly pray.

Former Palo Alto Stake Member Wins Music Prize

Dr. Crawford Gates of the Brigham Young Music faculty was recently awarded first prize of $500 by the Max Wald Memorial Fund of New York City in its first national contest for competition.

Elder Gates, formerly of Palo Alto, started piano at 8, gave recitals at 13. He won his first prize at the Stockton Symphony Orchestra Composition contest in 1939, and the sweepstakes prize in 1940 with a chorale, "Today We Live", at San Jose College where he obtained the bachelor's degree in 1944.

He composed the well known "Promised Valley" in 1947 for the Utah State Centennial celebration. This score has been performed from California to Canada and on the Standard Hour from Los Angeles. He has produced more than 201 original compositions and 243 arrangements and is a member of the General Board of the Y. M. M. I. A. His wife is the daughter of Pres. and Jean Lauper of San Francisco Stake.

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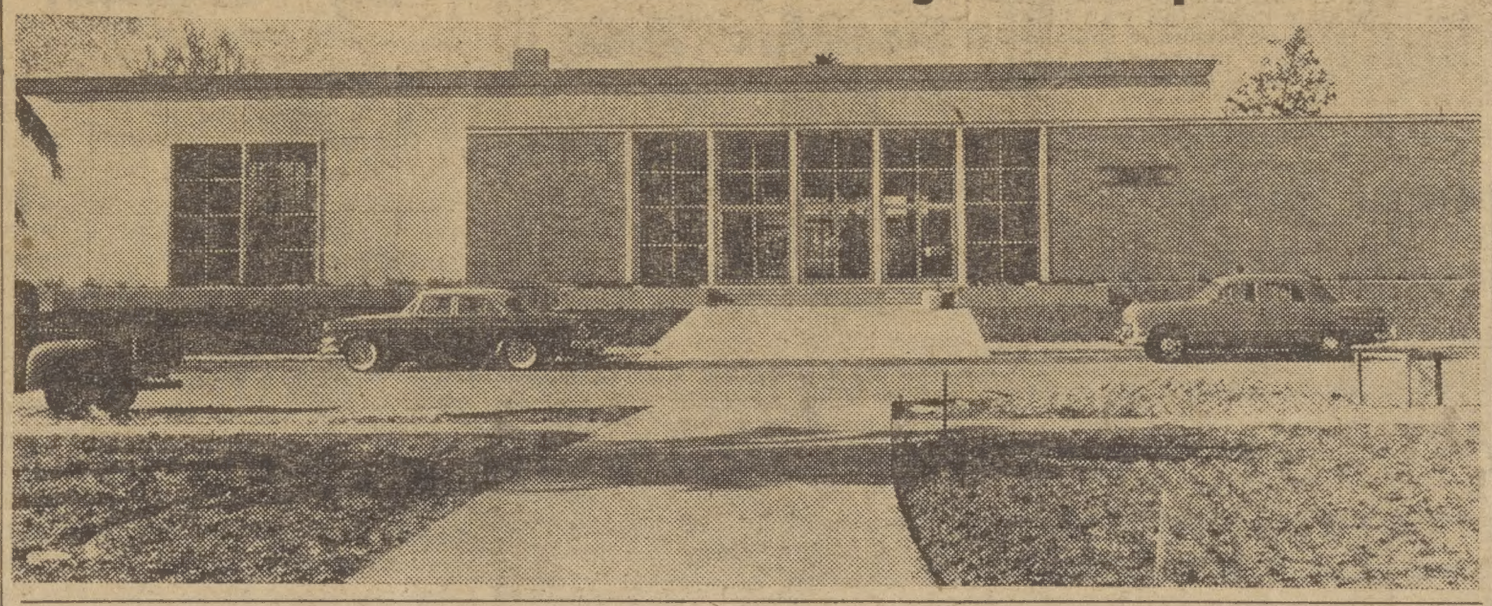

Jr. Geneology Gr. Reports Baptisms In L. A. Temple

By Ron Simpson
One of the Group

The junior genealogy classes of the Palo Alto Stake journeyed to the Salt Lake Temple June, 1952. The group ranging in age from twelve to fourteen, did baptisms for the dead. This trip was pleasurable for everyone, and it also proved to be a valuable spiritual experience.

Upon entering the Temple we were immediately impressed by the absolute quiet, and were conscious of the presence of the Spirit of the Lord.

We noticed the large number of elderly people working in the Temple. They all seemed to be happy to be doing the Lord's work. We wondered if there was any other place in the world where the aged were engaged in more pleasing work.

As we prepared to enter the baptismal room, we had time to reflect. We realized that by doing these baptisms we were giving some of the people who did not have the opportunity to hear the Gospel on earth the opportunity to accept it in paradise. Each of us was baptized for approximately fifteen people.

After we left the Temple we visited the large genealogical library, and Brigham Young's Lion House in Salt Lake City.

The excursion was a success in every way. We contributed our efforts to further the Church's work, in turn we were richly rewarded by being able to enter into the Lord's Temple and partake of His spirit. This experience also helped to enlarge young testimonies.

Vaughn Croxford Dies In San Mateo

Vaughn Croxford, age 42 years of 2111 Ensenada Way, San Mateo died at Peninsula Hospital Monday, December 12, after a short illness. A native of Vernal, Utah he spent most of his childhood days in Ogden. He was married to La Von Garner in 1936 and they made their home in San Francisco where Vaughn was employed as an optician with the Ferrari-Risi Optical Co. At the time of his death, Vaughn was manager of the San Francisco office, and a member of the San Francisco Olympic Club. In 1947 the Croxfords moved to San Mateo where they resided in the San Mateo Ward.

He has been a devout member of the Church adhering to its principles very closely. At the time of his untimely death Vaughn was serving as president in the 353rd quorum of Seventies, Palo Alto Stake. He was actively engaged in stake missionary work and was teaching a group of adults studying the Pearl of Great Price. His past activity in the Church has included services on the Sunday School stake board, Elders quorum president, and M. I. A. work. Vaughn will be greatly missed and the entire Palo Alta Stake grieves over his passing.

Surviving Relatives

Vaughn Croxford is survived by his wife, La Von, and three daughters, Kay Carolyn and Kristine, his mother, Winifred Croxford of Ogden, and three brothers, Owen and Wayne Croxford of Ogden and Reed Croxford of Salt Lake City.

La Von Croxford is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Garner of San Mateo and sister of Bishop Keith Garner of Menlo Park, Mrs. Ruth Kimball of San Mateo, Mrs. C. B. Waltz, D. Garner and O .M. Garner all of Sacramento and Mrs. Joseph Cook of Syracuse, Utah.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 14, 1955 at 2:00 p.m. at the chapel of the San Mateo Ward with Bishnp Frank A. Martin officiating. Speakers at the funeral were Elder Albert Heiner, Elder Joseph Cook and Elder Maurice Monson.

Interment was in Green Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Colma. Funeral was under the direction of Crosby-N. Gray and Co., of Burlingame."

Golden Gleaners are Happy, Busy Group

"Faith we bring as we sing of the wonderous way heaven's love from above guides us through the day," these lines are found in the theme song of the Oakland Stake Gleaner's church group under the direction of Esthrella.

Organized in 1953 under the inspiration of Beatrice Larsen for developing the girl's musical talent.

Unique in the Church is the Oakland Stake Golden Gleaners chorus whose objectives include encouraging MIA girls of Gleaner age to work toward Golden Gleaner requirements. Whenever a new Golden Gleaner is to receive her pin, Stake Golden Gleaners attend the meeting and provide inspiring music for the occasion, and then accept the new sister into their ranks. Pictured here are: (front row, left to right): Vernel LeCheminant, Violet Fontano, Lee Ashby, Norma Williams; (second row) Iona Wheable, Shirley Troub, Marjorie Hawkins, Ruth Wilson, Ruth Bigler, (third row) Ruth Thomas, Vivian Nicholaysen, Oral Grow, Estherella Olszowska, Eva Schleich, (fourth row, standing) Janeth Doxey, Faye Kern, Gaylene Vincent, Barbara Adams, Maureen McKinley, Sarah Fernston, Marjorie Nelson, Lola Hansen, Jane Lauper, Nedra Stewart.

Absent when picture was taken: Gwen Muir, Winnie Martin, Lola Payne, Barbara Pimental, Carmen Stephens, Carol Tueller, Dorothy Goesch, Rhea Gustaveson, Marjorie Johnson, Betty Hughes, Joyce Webb, Klifta Engberson, Rhea Gustabeson, Ruth Hilton and Elizabeth Lambourne.

Church To Offer Seminary Study At Industrial School

At the invitation of the superintendent of the school, the Church announces that a LDS seminary will be opened in Ogden at the State Industrial School for delinquent boys and girls. All other churches have been likewise invited to care for their groups in that institution. Classes will be held in the basement of the school. This is a new move by the Church seminary service.

Los Angeles Temple

UTAHN NAMED TEMPLE RECORDER

Appointment of A. Bent Petersen, second counselor in the Manti Temple, as recorder of the new Los Angeles Temple, was announced last week by the First Presidency of the Church.

Elder Petersen will serve under the direction of President Benjamin L. Bowring.

Elder Petersen was born July 22, 1908 in Greeley, Colorado, a son of Mons and Anna O. Petersen. He married Mary Poulson in the Manti Temple, April 2, 1931. They have two children; Sandra Lee, 12 and David Bent, 11.

He received his formal schooling in the Moab Elementary schools, Grand County High School and at the University of Utah.

Interested in Home Weaving?

The Grant Home Weavers, LDS Jay Grant's family of girls in Southern California, did something unique on NBC Steve Allen's and two other TV shows in August. Begun as a hobby, Grant's home weaving now helps others become self-supporting and affords them a market thru Grant's retail shop. The shop is at 3186 W. Pico, Los Ongeles. Those interested invited to write.

Charles Laughton Says Try Family Reading

The great platform reader and actor, Charles Laughton, declares that familp reading can be a wonderful way to encourage children to read, and be an exciting experience for all teen-agers.

Laughton sums it up this way: (1) It is great fun, (2) It is a sharexperience that draws families and friends closer together, (3) It puts the child in a reading atmosphere and encourages him to learn to read and to love books.

Palo Alto Stake Road Show Proved Top Entertainment

With approximately 300 participating, Palo Alto Stake, rung down the curtain on the most successful road show, to date, in this area. It was held in the Sequoia Union High School Auditorium on Friday night November 11, 1955 with the 969 seats occupied and standing room only at curtain time.

All of the Wards used an original script, Redwood City Ward being the only ward whose young people wrote, directed and produced their own show. Sunnyvale Ward, our most recent ward,received the rating of superior for all points judged. Nine wards participated and, to the capable,and talented leadership in the ward's Y.M. Y.W. organizations go the "ORCHIDS" for the success of this road show. The acts were enter taining and colorful and every young person participating seemed to be endowed with a special talent.

The judges, who were from San Francisco Stake M.I.A., though unbiased, had a difficult time rating the performances.

It was a pleasant evening for L.D.S. families and friends and a grand experience for the yonug people. Just one of the many events in their young lives which we hope will not be forgotten.

The combined road show party and the regular Saturday night open house party, on November 12, 1955 was equally successful; with about 150 young people in attendance.

The ward M.I.A. programs are off to a good start, and we, the Stake officers, sincerely thank the ward officers for their efforts in this autumn activity. We wish them a happy, most satifying year with the youth of our Stake.

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"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

Simple Temple Themes Bestir Feelings Of Holiness In Children

One Sunday when we visited a Sunday School class of 12 to 14-year old children the teacher called upon us to "say something" to the boys and girls.

"How many of you have ever been inside a temple?" We asked. Not a hand went up. This we had expected for the practice of young people being baptized for the dead had not been commonly heard of at that time.

Editorial

"How many have parents or relatives who have been to the temples", was the next question. By this time every eye was wide open, and several hands were raised.

After several responses had been voiced, we continued by asking, "What does it look like inside temples." Silence reigned, but also deep thought and quiet. Several volunteered such answers as "It must be very nice;" "I suppose it's very beautiful."

"What kind of clothing is worn when people go thru the temple?" A few remebered it was all white, and we asked, "Do you think it would look nice to see all the people dressed in white clothes and white slippers?" Heads nodded general assent.

"How is the temple painted and decorated inside?" was a query several answered by guessing it would be white also. "And the carpets?" Light colored too, they thought.

By this time every face was a study in intense interest. The class was quiet, a sense of awe seemed to prevail: No disturbance, or inattention. The children seemed to be touched with a consciousness of the clean and beautiful.

They were all ears as we intensified their feelings by comments: "Just think of your fathers and mothers and all the other people dressed in white going into those pure white and light-colored temple rooms. We remember how it made us feel when we first went thru the temple. All was quiet and peaceful. No one wished even to whisper. It was so lovely and restful. We seemed to be in another world. No outside sound could be heard. We felt close to our Heavenly Father all the time we were there."

"What kind of people are permitted to go thru our temples?" was answered with sincere assurance: "Only very good people." On this the boys and girls all agreed heartily.

"Do you know any young people who have been married in the temple?" was answered by several whose brothers, sisters, or other relatives or friends had recently been married in the temple.

"How many of you would like to go to the temple when you are old enough?" This brought up every hand.

And now the consumating moment had came. "How will you have to live so as to be worthy to go into the temple?..." The responses were frank and came with evident deep sincerity. Holy feelings were bestired and sincere resolves to live good lives. In imagination, they had all stood on holy ground and found it was most desirable and sweet to the spirit.

TEMPLE WORKERS
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get our names she held out a card to me and said she knew I would be back. Then she told me that when she was locking up on Saturday night and had placed all records in the files, she glanced around for a last checkup and there prominently on the center of her desk lay this card. She put it away in the file, thinking she would mail it to Manti, Monday. yet when she arrived, only a short time ahead of me, there again on the top of her desk lay the same card.

Strange; unexplainable, such things? Maybe to some, but not to those who are blessed with the ability to feel the urging of such spirits that their work be done in the Lord's temples so that they can, by accepting such work, progress on in the kingdom of heaven and not longer remain in prison.

—Dated Nov. 13, 1955
Palo Alto, California

Jesus Gave Disciples Their Endowments

(From discourse delivered in Salt Lake City, July 19, 1863.)

Jesus says, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." It is very easy to understand that a man can see very little of a kingdom unless he goes into it. and a man to see and understand the kingdom of God must first become a member of the Church of Christ; then he progresses until he has an opportunity of looking into the kingdom, of becoming acquainted with its officers and laws, and hence it is that Jesus says:"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

Let the saints reflect upon these matters which I am laying before them. Think of your holy endowments and what you have been anointed to become and reflect upon the blessings which have been placed upon you for they are the same in part that were placed upon Jesus,**he was the one that inducted his Apostles into these ordinances;** it was he who set up the kingdom of which we are subjects.

This is the kingdom of which all the prophets spake, and to which Daniel alluded when he said: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." It is a blessing to have the privilegt of entering into the kingdom of God and partaking of the privileges and blessings that are bestowed upon its members—J. D., Vol. 10:20-1 Quoted from Temples of the Most High.

YOUTH HUMBLED
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money as those people put forth to get me back on my feet.

Head Stitched

After my head had been stitched and bandaged where it had been lacerated by the windshield, I was given the opportunity of entering the Mesa Temple. There I received the most inspirational blessing I have ever heard. President Payne of the Temple laid his hands on my head and as the Holy Ghost entered my body he promised me, with inspired words, that I would be made well and that my wounds would heal rapidly.

After the closing words of the prayer had been uttered, I felt a change come over me. The importance of the work which we had been sent there to do came over me. I realized that this accident which I had been involved was being used by the Lord as a way of showing me the true significance of his House and the work performed in it. Because of my injury, I was unable to do baptisms for the dead.

I realized at that time that I wasn't worthy of this blessing. This experience humbled me and made me vow that I would live a life worthy of entering the House of the Lord and doing the work which he outlined for me to do. Too, I knew I would never be happy unless I could take the girl of my choice to the Temple of the Most High and there be sealed for time and eternity. I thank my Heavenly Father that this blessing has been realize.

My Testimony

By Mabel Liddell

God's ways are not man's ways—in so many of our life"s patterns is this evident. Particularly is this true in our ward and family relationships. Hurt feelings are so often the cause of prolonged regret and often useless blame. In Section 42 of the Doctrine and Covenants we are taught that the person who is offended or hurt should take the first step in reconciliation. It is easy to recognize the wisdom in this procedure for often those who have caused hurt feelings are completely innocent of any intentional injury and astonished that offense was taken.

Sister Macel Jones, recentely released from a second stake mission in San Francisco tells of an experience that fully ilustrates this gospel principle. During the last months of World War II she was a Relief Society visiting teacher at the home of a very dear friend. They had also been closely associated in ward activities for a number of years and their love and admiration for each other had grown deeply.

One Sunday morning upon speaking to her friend in her usual happy manner, Sister Jones received only a brief and, she felt, a very cold greeting. Then at other times her friend passed her by completely, and during a period of about three weeks similar things occurred. Finally, Sister Jones felt that her friend was purposely hurting her so she decided to go and talk to her privately as we are instructed to do, rather than pass on to others her problem.

When informed of the suposed hurt, her friend was astonished. There was a warm embrace and a few tears shed while she explained that for over a month she and her husband had received no word from their only son who was in the battle zone in Germany, and they were blindly worried. She had been unable to think of anything else. She explained, " I wouldn't hurt you or anyone else in the word knowingly—it's just that I have been so terribly worried." Sister Jones states that she felt so relieved after their conversation, and that from that time an understandiing developed between them that was even more dear.

"I learned a valuable lesson through this experience, that I hope I will never forget," relates this beloved missionary. "Again I had proved that God's ways are so much better than man's ways. Had I waited for my friend to apologize I would have waited in vain through many empty weeks—and had I passed on word to others, it could have caused endless trouble." I am so grateful for my wonderful friends and the many ways God has shown us to live together in peace and unity.

Scholars Add Nothing To Knowledge of God In 4000 Years

Dr. Hugh Nibley, professor of history and philosophy at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, declared in a lecture December 12 that scholar's efforts have added nothing new to the knowledge of God in 4000 years and that scholars admit they are studying questions that can never be answered by intellectual research.

His lecture, "Perplexities of the Doctors—East and West" compared the Moslem and Christian scholastic attempts to explain God and illustrated the futility of intellectual quest for diety.

Couple Give Impressions Of Temple Marriage

By Esteher and Frank Rowe

"You are mine, always, for time and eternity." The sweetest words on earth still ring in our ears. Reminding us of the wonderful, soul-satisfying experience of having been recently married in the beautiful Salt Lake Temple.

Rex and Mary Bolles, who first brought the Gospel to us told us the first "key" to the Temple was daily prayer. Together humbling ourselves before the heavenly Father, on bended knees, asking for stength and courage to do his will and to be thankful for our many new blessings. Second, to keep the Lord's commandments and also keep the word of wisdom. Third to exercise the priesthood at every possible opportunity and to perform to the best of our ability any duties the Bishop assigned to us.

There is actually very little information one can give about the actual Temple work. We found out that we could expect to change from our street clothes to fresh white clothing, as no unclean thing can enter the Temple.

The unusual beauty of all the Temple workers struck us instantly. For the most part, they were "senior citizens". They greeted us with beaming faces, full of encouragement and promise, looking like angels, dressed in white. What a wonderful way to spend one's retiring years! A Temple worker in the House of the Lord!

Here was total lack of confusion. In spite of hundreds of people going through the Temple that afternoon, we were never neglected for one instant! The workers carefully watched our every move and assisted us whenever necessary, helping us to concentrate on the subject at hand. Once inside those massive stone walls, we lost all sense of time and slowly became aware of the lack of outside noises. Here in this sanctuary a wave of peace fell over us, like "the peace that passeth all understanding", so diligently sought after by many other churches, but seldom, if ever, obtained.

To say the least it was thrilling to have our missionary friends, Rex and Mary witness our sealing ceremony. While waiting for our marriage certificate to be signed, we were given the privilege of standing proxy for a lady's mother and father so that she and her immediate family could be sealed to them. There was something unusual about this experience that convinced us we had much work to do for our loved ones.

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Temple Workers Joy Told By The Carrs

(Charles C. Carr was Claremont Ward's first bishop. His helpmate is Mae.)

Our first visit to the Arizona Temple was at the time of its dedication in October 1927. We later came on the various excursions with the saints from the Bay area. On one special train labeled "Mormon Special." The 122 persons had meetings and prayer to our hearts content. It was a glorious trip. We were met at the depot with a brass band and conveyances to take us to our lodgings.

Sister Carr occupied an upper berth in a pullman car while Sister Southgate occupied the lower berth, when she came to the Temple to be sealed to her parents. After we all had gone through the Temple and were in a testimony meeting at the Temple, Sister Southgate stated that she had suffered with cancer for years; that she had been permitted to go into the spirit world; had seen her father and mother but wasn't permitted to go where they were as she had not been sealed to them. She was permitted to come back and attend to this work. She was promised that she would not have to suffer from cancer pains again in life. During this trip and while in the Temple she apparently sufferd no pain. She returned to her home in Berkeley and a short time thereafter she passed quietly away.

We have long been interested in temple work. In 1943 we came to Mesa and a short time thereafter we were called to work in the Temple. We have been here ever since except for about two years. We have labored under Presidents Pugh, Payne and Pierce.

We receive no renumeration for our services, but we feel well repaid for the time we put in serving the Lord in this Holy place. We behold the joy and happiness that comes into the lives of those who enter the Temple for their own endowments as well as those who are sealed to their parents.

While there are many young people coming to the Temple for their own excursions and locally to the night sessions, the major part of the people fililng the temple sessions are those of middle and later life, often 80 to 90 years old. One case, Sister Johnson, mother of Sister Thomas Rogers formerly of Berkeley, went through after she was 100 years old. If the Temples did nothing else than give the old people something to keep their minds occupied, it would still be a wonderful work.

Despite the fact that the people of California have slacked up greatly due to the near completion of the Los Angeles Temple, more endowments have been done this year than in any previous year in the Arizona Temple. Each new Temple constructed helps to fulfill the prophecy "that temples shall dot the land."

We have assisted with the work thousands of times, but frequently learn something new about the work. IT IS THE WORK OF GOD.

We look forward to getting the MESSENGER each month and read every line of it. We are enjoying good health at present. We sendour love and greetings to all our Bay area friends.

Charles C. and May Carr

Obituary

By Mildred Fontana

A. B. Graham passad away suddenly in Okinawa of a heart ailment just after enjoying an evening of festivity December 2. A. B. and his lovely wife, Lila, were on a leisurely trip around the world, and had spent seven weeks in Hawaii. Brother Graham is survived by his wife, Lila, two sons, Richard and Raymond, and three daughters, Marilyn Lyman Grover, Martha Wacker and Helen Rugh Draghi and by thirteen grandchildren.

The Grahams were successful real estate brokers. A. B. had helped much in the selection of chapel sites and in the securing of the site of Temple Hill in Oakland. Sister Graham is a faithful Relief Society worker, and has served in ward and stake offices. She has served as past captain of the Alameda County Daughters of the Utah Pioneeers.

The funeral was held in Oakland Dec. 15, and in Salt Lake City Dec. 18 where interment took place.

Dorathy Kilner Perkins, the first lady missionary from the San Francisco Stake when it covered the Bay Area, and the second missionary from Dimond Ward, passed away in Hanford, December 17 after an operation at the Springville hospital. Dorathy had been hospitalized for five years with tuberculosis. She leaves her husband, Lowell Perkins, two sons, Daniel 9, and Timothy 7, her parents George and Jane Kilner, a sister Helen De Lucia of Sacramento, George Kilner a brother of Oakland and Ruth Kilner of Fresno. God bless the family with her sweet faithful desires.

Estelle McBride has passed away according to word recentely received from Utah. She will be remembered for the services she and her husband rendered Oakland Stake when they were the caretakers at Welfare Center. Sister McBride was a faithful Relief Society worker, on ward and stake boards, and was always friendly, efficient and cheerful with a gay mood that carried over into her happy singing. Her memory is fondly cherished.

(This notice has been delayed several months)

Moroni Albert Hammer, former high councilor of San Francisco Stake, passed away very suddenly May 8, 1955. He is survived by his widow Ata. They had no children. Born in Logan, Utah, March 29, 1886, he made his home in Salt Lake City until he came to San Francisco August 7, 1922 and secured employment in his trade as an electrician with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for whom he worke until his retirement in 1951.

Six weeks after his arrival in San Francisco he sent for his sweetheart, whom we knew as Alta, and they were married on the day of arrival, Sept. 29, 1922 in the Hayes Street chapel and later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple.

Elder Hammer served as one of the presidents of the Seventy quorum, and when the San Francisco stake was divided from Oakland, he became one of the original members of the stake high council. He also served as a ward teacher for years.

Births

(Printing delayed unavoidably)

Oakland Fourth

Gil and Diane Larsen, formerly of Oakland Fourth welcomed a a daughter, Deborah, last month, at the Mt. Home Air Force base in Idaho.

Sunset Ward

Diane Brockbank, daughter of Jack and Betty Brockbank, was born August 27.

Alameda

To Laurence and Gayleen (Clayson) Vincent, a girl was born Friday, Oct. 14.

Pleasant Hill

To Walter and Geneve Scott, a daughter, Mary Geneve, was born Sept. 25.

Pleasant Hill

To Brooks and Sally Gleason, a son, David Brooks, was born Oct. 4.

Pleasant Hill

To Wendell and Marge Jackson, a daughter, Lori Ann, was born Oct. 4.

Hayward

Born to Alma and Beverly Simmons, a daughter, Pamela Rae, August 29.

Hayward

Doug and Barbara Pimentel's second son, Ronald Ward, was born Oct. 9.

Hayward

A daughter was born to Wayne and Diane Johns, Oct. 1.

Concord

Recent births include: a girl to the Glenn Taylor's; a boy to the James Duffiings; and a boy to the Dick Hickenses.

Oakland Ward

Ray and Anona Piercy welcomed a new baby during August.

Pleasant Hill

Jonathan Merle Prince was born November 9 to Merle and Elaine Prince.

Alameda Ward

To brother and sister Jay Lyman, a boy, Stephen Francis, born October 25. This is their third boy.

Richmond

The Dick Kay's have added another baby boy to their family, making them the proud parents of two sons and a daughter.

Walnut Creek Ward

David Alan Bybee was born to Brother and Sister Scott Bybee on September 19.

Lisa Pardini was born to Brother and Sister Henry Pardini on October 11.

Kerik Lindsay Ferguson was born to Brother and Sister Clarence Ferguson on October 1.

Jay Darell Williams was born to Brother and Sister Darrell Williams on October 18.

Messenger Slogan

I will include our LDS businessmen within the circle of my day to day shopping, even tho it requires going a little out of my way. I believe it's brotherhood in action.

Notible Excursion To Temples In Manti, St. George

A notable East Bay genealogical excursion was made about 1946 to two temples, the Manti and St. George.

Traveling by an exclusively chartered bus the group changed en route their original plans of spending all the time in the Manti Temple by rearranging the schedule with the bus company in Salt Lake City were enabled to make the visit also to St. George and to return home over the southern route. The drive to St. George from Manti afforded scenery which was greatly enjoyed in Bryce and Zion Canyons.

The St. George Temple president kindly provided an extra temple session to accomodate the group and accepted our Manti Temple recommends.

The very beautiful woodwork in the Manti Temple, the quiet peace of the Sanpete Valley as seen from the Manti Temple hill, the scenic drive thru the southern Utah parks, the visits in St. George with Bro. and Sis. Fitzpatrick, formerly of Oakland's Dimond Ward—these memories added to the divine spirit within the temples ever llaaot v ah Cv ec Utspo made of this excursion a joy forever to all concerned.

Some of the participants in this excursion were Herbert and Neita Van Noy, Ann Livongstone, Eva Loomis, Mrs. John Shields and Mrs. Herman Uffens, Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Mrs. Francos of Pittsburg, the J. B. Gleasons, the Sid Fellers, Avin Hopkins, Phil Lewis (deceased), Mrs. Dalin and Mrs. Florence Nielsen of Claremont Ward, the Newell Calls (then of Berkeley), George and Nellie Hughes and L. B. Ball.

Obituary

(Printing delayed unavoidably), Alameda Ward

Albert Davis, 56, died Oct. 7. He has lived at the home of his sister ,Amelia Everett for the past 10 months.

Berkeley Ward

The many friends of Dean and Maurine Price, former members of the Berkeley First Ward, experess heartfelt sympathy on the death of their baby daughter Paul.a The three months old infant died of pneumonia on September 26th. Funeral services were conducted September 28th in the Los Altos Ward chapel with interment in the beautiful Los Altos cemetery.

Oakland Stake

Our sympathies are extended to Mariner Swensen, stake Sunday School superintendent who with his good wife Della motored to Idaho recently for the funeral of his brother.

Sister Vera Crockett of the Relief Society stake board has lovingly cared for her sick mother Mary Sharp Sanders for years until her passing in the first part of November. Interment was in Salt Lake City.

San Lorenzo

We regret the passing of Brother James S. Miller, on November 2. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

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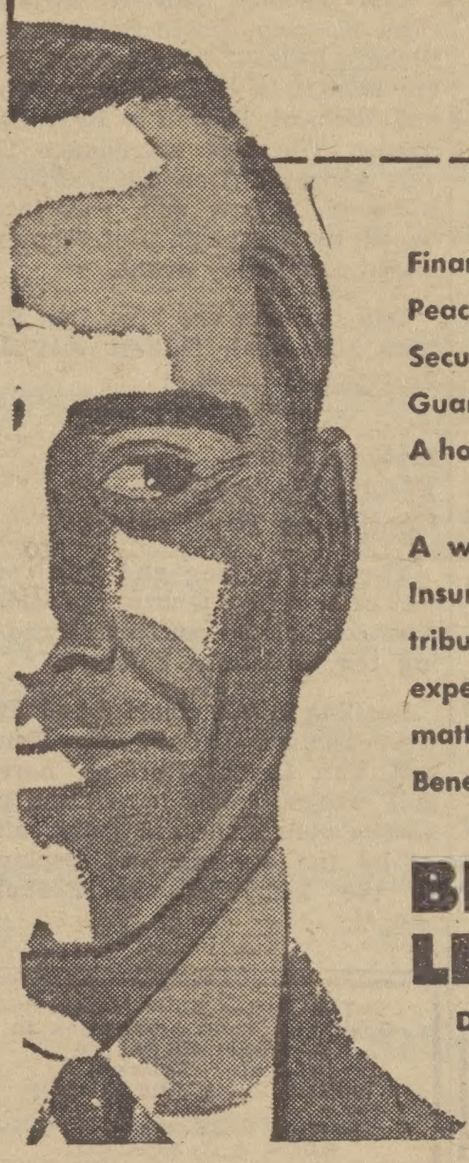

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WEDDINGS

(Printing delayed unavoidably)

Castro Valley

The marriage of Joanne Johnson, daughter of the Tennyson Waltons to James Johnson of Morganstown, Kentucky, was solemnized by Bishop Christensen in October. The new bride and bridegroom will return to live at the military post where he is stationed.

Hayward

Blair Checquetts and Patty Starks were married Oct. 12 in the Logan Temple.

Sunset Ward

Gayla Ann Pitt and Kay Curtis were married in the Salt Lake Temple on Sept. 6.

Sunset Ward

Racquelle Felt and Phillip Bovero were married September 11, with Bishop Horace J. Ritchie officiating.

Walnut Creek

Betty L. Larless was married August 27 to Jack Masher at the Walnut Creek chapel. They are making their home in Danville.

Joyce Johnson, daughter of the Willard Johnsons was married September 9 to Merryl Algers of the San Francisco Ward.

Richmond

Billie De Merle Kirkwood Carman was married to Edwin Kendall Lane of Rodeo Ward, September 23, 1955 in the Richmond chapel followed by a reception in the Relief Society room.

Glen Nora Ruth Smith and Richard Earl Hall were married November 7, 1955 in the Salt Lake Temple.

San Lorenzo

Marilyn Olsen was married to Keate Worley of Los Angeles in the Salt Lake Temple, November 18. Marilyn will continue her schooling at San Jose State, while Keate, an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve, will be stationed in Japan.

Change Made In Ward Primary Organization

By Alva Mae Forsyth

Nana Lea Busby has been chosen second counselor for the Primary to replace Bessie Duke who is now stake trekker leader. The Primary children were extra busy this season getting ready for their part in the Christmas party, a portrayal of the nativity scene.

Back home for Christmas vacations are Donna Brooks from the Highland Nursing School in Oakland; and Joy Bradeen, Burba Polson, Bob Perrins, and Val Lefler.

Michael and Sandra Karen McNew children of Dan and Bobbie Jean Nelson, Cheryl Debra, daughter of Kay and Peggy Knowles. Lila Jane Christensen, Eva Louise Downey and Kathy Lee Downey were confirmed members of the Church.

George Duke and Martin Gardner were ordained a teacher.

Martin Luther Films Showing All Wards

The famous documented film, Martin Luther, will be shown in most of the wards in the East bay beginning in January by arrangements being made by the Elder's quorum in Claremont Ward who have purchased the film for the benefit of Claremont's missionary fund, but will share on a fifty-fifty basis with the respectiv wards where the picture is shown.

Bargain prices are suggested by the Elder's quorum, namely 50 cents for adults and twenty-five for children when the various wards have been served by the showings, the film will be taken to other outside organizations that have requested it, it is stated.

R. E. Richmond Cub Pack 119 Entertain Parents

Recently a meeting of Cub Pack 139, sponsored by the Richmond, East Richmond, and Rodeo Wards of the LDS Church, was presided over by Cub Master Allen Tidwell. After a few games, with the boys and parents participating, Cub leaders discussed with the parents the problems regarding raising of funds and future outings for the pack. A report was given on the outing to a varsity football game.

The packs presented a program, consising of a puppet show, a skit showing Christmas in foreign countries and a talk on a Mexican Christmas celebration. A pinata filled with goodies was broken open by the boys, in the Mexican tradition. Featured also was a dance, and a portrayal of Santa Claus, as he passed out surprises.

Cub Master Tidwell awarded John Kearsey, David Schmidt and Richard Tidwell Bear badges, Walter Brandt, a Bear Silver Arrow, and Richard Tidwell a Bear Gold Arrow. The best attendance flag was given to Den Five. Freddie Vanwert, a new cub, was introduced to the pack. Refreshments closed the happy event.

Den mothers are Mrs. Bea Parsons, Mrs. Leah Tidwell, and Mrs. Florence Overson.

Berkeley Stake

First Elder's Quorum Completes Toy Project

The toy making and sales project of the First Quorum of Elders was combpleted successfully during the Christmas holidays.

Leading in this colorful endeavor were Thomas O. Call, John Kemp, and Van Orton. Rocking horses, doll cradles, hobby horses and peg boards were made and gaily painted by the quorum and displayed in the lobby of the Berkeley chapel.

Pleasant Hill

Ida Moroin To Head Primary Presidency

By Shirley Moore

The Pleasant Hill Ward Primary ward is starting the new year with a new presidency, succeeding Dorothy Oram, and counsellors Donetta Madsen and Gwen Wells, after a very successful term.The new head, Ida Moroni has chosen Marilyn Smith as one of her counsellors and Grace Coleman as secretary. Ida has been a faithful Primary worker for many years, her most recent position being that of secretary.

Darrell Dangerfield, our Sunday School superintendent, invites all Sunday School faculty and their spouses to enjoy a social evening at the home of Woodrow Allred, January 28. Games, refreshments, and other interesting features are planned.

The ward choir and the singing mothers, under the direction of Evelyn Tueller, gave an impressive performance of the cantata "The Story of Christmas" during the holidays. The choir meets Thursday nights at 8 p.m. at the chapel, the director invites everyone to come who enjoys singing.

"Meet Me in Mutual" on January 31st, is the invitation extendby I. Buskirk, president of the YWMIA. On that night the Mutual will demonstrate the wide range of activities and interests offered to all those of Mutual age.

Speech Director

Carma Ferguson has been appointed speech director for the MIA to replace Loretto Wilhelmson; and in Relief Society, Mona McClurg has accepted the position previously held by Marilyn Smith.

The Primary Faculty and the wives of the Elders' quorumgave a stork shower for Marilyn Rasmussen at the home of Dorothy Oram. Maureen Perona and Dorothy Oram were co-hostesses.

Babies Blessed: Lori Ann Jackon, daughter of Wendell and Margie Jackson. David Brooks Gleason, son of Brooks and Sally Gleason. Mary Geneve Scott, daughter of Walter and Geneve Scott.

Bishop's Message

We have a new year ahead of us. Now is the time to look forward to improved service in the Church and the Kingdom of God. The fullest and happiest experiences of life come to us through our service to our fellow men. May the coming year see us helping each other to a greater extent and living more completely in accordance with God's commandments.

—Joseph Roy Hilton, Bishop

Richmond

Bluebirds Entertain Parents

by Beverly Stevenson

Under the excellent direction of leader Lucie Morley, the Bluebird girls of Richmond Ward held an event designed to inform their parents of the activities in Blubird work, the afternoon of December 11, in the chapel. Each girl presented to her parents a gayly decorated Christmas streamer. Refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed table, the centerpiece being a Christmas theme. Nineteen person, including bishopric and primary board member Grace Clark, attended.

Each of the auxiliaries enjoyed lovely Christmas parties, with Santa Claus making his appearance.

The M. I. A. sponsored a lovely semi-formal holiday dance December 17. The amusement hall was gayly decorated with Christmas bells. During intermission, an appropriate program was presented.

Under the direction of the Sunday School, Howard Child, superintendent, the congregation met in the Amusement Hall the night of December 4. The officers and teachers in the Sunday School depicted a family night scene.

Recently the Richmond Ward completed its welfare assignment of meat canning. Under the direction of processing operators, Delbert and Essie Carman, and supervisor Mae Parsons, 1,500 cans of beef has been processed.

A sincere welcome is extended to two new converts in this ward. Miss Kathryn Evitt and Miss Kathryn R. O'Connor were baptized and confirmed early in December.

The Relief Society has reorganized. Released, with a hearty expression of thanks for their unselfish and devoted work were President Eva Hedgepath, Counselor Marjorie Henderson, Secretary Mabel Trottier, and all teachers. The new president is Eva Ashcroft, with Bernice Lee (retained) and Della Child counselors, and Beverly Stevenson, secretary. Further reorganization will take place later. In an all-out effort to interest more women of the ward in Relief Society functions, the new presidency have layed plans for outstanding events during the year. Young mothers who have not been introduced to the wonderful cultural advantages of Relief Society are especially urged to attend.

Claremont

Christmas Day Wedding Ceremony At LDS Institute

Jean Burns and Max Bell were married at the L. D. S. Institute Christmas Eve, December 24th, a wonderful Christmas present for them both.

Lloyd B. (Eric) Erickson is very happy in his mission work, in St. Paul, Minnestota; says it is very cold, but wonderful working for the Lord.

The monthly ward potluck dinner December 16th was a huge success. The Elders were in charge, and baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, Waldorf salad, mixed vegetables and steamed pudding was served. After the dinner the primary put on their Christmas pageant; Santa Claus came with gifts.

Vacationing in Utah for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. Max Hill and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Watts and son.

Mrs. S. Megarian gave an informal piano concert Sunday evening, December 18th. A beautiful program; and considering the stormy night, a very nice crowd attended.

Mrs. Marcelle Karpus and your reporter and daughter went to Los Angeles for Thanksgiving. As we drove down Sepulveda Blvd. we soon saw the beautiful statue of the Angel Moroni. The nigh was very clear and still. The beautiful Temple, with flood lights on, was the most aw-inspiring sight I have ever seen.

Mrs. Karpus stayed with Beverly and Fred Brenaman and their daughter Cathie. They sent love to their many friends in the Bay area.

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Walnut Creek

First Dance, New Hall Promises Parties To Come

Verna Mayfield

With soft lights and soft music the Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill Ward Mutual gave the first dance of the season on December 9, in the newly completed recreation hall. Attended by a large crowd, the evening was termed a very good success. This was just a taste of what is to come for dances in the future now that we have our own hall.

Brother Nico Snel is conducting six lessons in organ on the new organ recently completed in our chapel. These session are conducted mainly for the organists of the two wards and have proven very popular, judging by the number that have asked for practice time.

The Primary and Sunday School held an open Christmas party Dec. 23. It was beautifully done, and every word could be heard. The new set-up of microphones on the stage were noted features of the pageant. Sister Maureen Lynch of primary age was the narrator. Both orgaizations need to be complemented on their work.

Young People's Party

On December 17 the young people of the ward had a wonderful afternoon and evening at the recreation hall. A group of Junior M-Men from Reno played several games of basketball with the young men of the two wards. A dance which included the young people of the stake was the highlights of the evening.

MEET OUR PEOPLE: Tucked down between two of the many hills in Walnut Creek is the home of Sister Donna Curtis. A commercial artist in her own right, Donna has also applied her talents for the benefit of the Church. Turning no job down, she has painted posters, charts, drawn pictures and many other things connected with publicity and enjoyment not only for Walnut Creek Ward but for the stake as well. With her husband Jay, a stake missionary, and two small daughters, Donna manages to keep a house and a smile even though the recent torrents gave her great concern.

Brother and Sister Carl Martineau announce the wedding of their daughter Gladys to Harold Clayson. They were married December 30, at 7 p.m. at the Walnut Creek Ward lounge by Bishop Robert G. Larsen. A wedding reception followed in the recreation hall.

BYU Leadership Week Announced For 1956

Plans are nearly completed for the 33rd annual Leadership Week which will as usual attract thousands of LDS Church members from over the world to Brigham Young University campus next June 18-22, it has been announced.

Housing and meals will be available. Many Church members make Leadership Week part of their vacation.

Enthusiasm Noted In Genealogy Record Searching

By Leon M. Esperson

Sister Gustave Schier concluded her seven weeks of genealogical instruction for the Berkeley Stake, Nov. 16. Since this course was started some three years age, we have marveled at the enthusiasm and interest that has arisen from her help and instruction. East Richmond Ward is small yet. There were twelve members who attended the six lectures and re- Freda Stone, Thelma Leopard, Freda Stone, Thelma Leoppard, Lenore Robinson, Bernice McIntyre, Doris June Harker, Merwyn Riddle, Jacqueline Hatch, Frances Riddle, Ina Spear, Una Meyers, and Leola Eperson.

I haven't checked with other wards but I doubt that they can beat that! We hold a Sunday genealogy class and a work meeting during the week. Our study courses for this year has been "Saviors on Mount Zion" and at the end of the year the bishopric will have the pleasure of presenting a 'Winners Choice' (any of the Standard Works or latest printings of the Church) to the one or ones completing the 16 activities of this course.

Since the renewed activity in genealogy work we have enjoyed a different spirit in our ward: a feeling of brotherly love and respect for one another. In our spirit of research we have found out that we are truly brothers and sisters: only a few generations back prove we have the same grandparents. During this year in our research I have found direct line to Doris June Harker, Esse Carman and Allan Tidwell and I am sure there will be others in the Bay area that can prove relationship through this line.

Our goal in the ward this year has been to see that every member has a Book or Remembrance. To further encourage them we have started a sheet for each of them which they complete and return to be filed in our "Ward Family Record Book." We are very proud of this book and of the complete genealogical record of each member that it contains, and of the pride that the members themselves feel when they are able to add another page to this book.

I only wish that Berkeley Stake and all stakes were doing more genealogy work so that we could rejoice in the blessings that come with Temple building.

BRANCH FOR DEAF

Los Angeles Stake maintains a Southern California Branch for the Deaf. Since its organization in 1951 the branch has grown from a membership of 39 to 75. Many members of the deaf branch live in such outlying areas as beach and valley towns but they attend meetings and Sunday School in a small chapel of their own on the property of Adams Ward, Los Angeles.

George Mosier Writes Of Fort Bragg Branch 75 Miles In Length

George Mosier, who with Fern, his wife, were so loved in Martinez Ward, their former home, writes from Fort Bragg Branch of the Santa Rosa Stake. He states that that branch ((he is in the presidency) extends 48 miles south of Ft. Bragg and 25 miles north of the Fort, for a mere total of 73 miles from end to end. In fact, he says, they are so far away from the stake meetings that it is not possible to do more than attend the stake quarterly conferences.

But the Mosiers are busy at the Trout Farm and in Church work, and send greeting to all friends. George informs us that Francis Nix, of Berkeley Stake, who has been teaching school for several years at Point Arena is now Mrs. Mahoney. The Mosier's address is Trout Farm, Fort Bragg, Calif.

Book Review

Millions of meetings by Dr. Harold Glen Clark, BYU, 1955. $2.25. Millions of meetings is a book for all who conduct and all who attend meetings. It indicates the importance of making these meetings count. Specific proven proceedure which for best results must be adhered to by those who conduct meetings and classes are listed and analyzed in Millions of Meetings.

Unless those responsible for our Church meetings take heed, some numbers may slip away. However, if teachers and presiding officers follow proceedures as outlined in this book, they will draw members into the Church.

Dr. Harold Glen Clarke, author of Millions of Meetings, writes from experience as bishop, high councilor, teacher, personnel expert on the national level, author of federal bulletins on meeting proceedure, and current director of extensnion division BYU and general YMMIA board member.

Historic Christianity

By Dr. Hugh Nibley

Hugh Nibley, scholarly writer with a delightful freshness and with a delighful sense of humor as well as tragedy, has added another volume to his historic studies on things ecclesiastical.

Issued in 1954, **The World and the Prophets,** brings togetherr studies of historic Christianity down the centuries and floods with sunlight many heretofore dark and musty churchly cellars.

Looking thru the two-eyed perspective of modern and ancient revelation, Doctor Nibley aided by historic research calls before us for examination early Christian church preachers, scholars, reformers, martyrs, and the creeds, He questions the philoshophers, gnostics, mystics, rhetoricians, and traditionists, and even St. Augustine himself.

Among the crucial subjects brought into the illuminated arena by penetrating historic research are: the search for God, substitutes for revelation, miracles true and false, interpretation of scripture. Finally the author turns fresh light from past records upon the Restoration, the modern Prophet, the Book of Mormon, and all that followed.

Everything i ves again in new and convincing context in the scholarly yet devout publication.

EFFIE SOUTHGATE VISITS BAY AREA

Effie Southgate, widow of the late George Southgate visited the old home grounds in Berkeley on December 29. Altho she could not call on half of her old friends as she wished nor stay over until Sunday to attend meetings and greet the saints as of old, yet she wished to have the Messenger convey her greetings to one and all. She says she is going to carry out a request of George before his death and go see old friends and relatives in England. She will travel in company with the missionaries in April.

THE COMMUNIST MIND

"The devil tries to take and use the best men and the best qualities —not the worst—for his cause... It (communism) appeals to millions with no faith, or ideals; nothing to live for and nothing to die for—modern pagans. They are hungry for religion (subconsciously) having never had one or lost the one they had."—Douglas Hyde, London, former editor of Daily Worker.

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AT THE GATES OF THE TEMPLE. Sixty-five boys and girls from the Palo Alto Stake spent Monday June 23, 1952 in the Salt Lake Temple performing baptisms for the dead. Three of their leaders are shown on the top row: Jesse Marshall, stake genealogical society chairman; Mrs. Florence D. Marshall, secretary and Margaret Cagle, stake junior director. Seymour Oliphant also accompanied the young people. These boys and girls who made the 1600 mile round-trip represented six wards of the stake. They traveled to Salt Lake City in 20 private cars. The Palo Alto Stake genealogical committee had sponsored a concert, given by Carl Poll to help finance the trip.

Claremont Ward

L. E. Erickson Called To No. Central States

By Ruth Garrod

Lloyd E. Erickson was given a farewell testimonial, Friday, Octobert 14, at Claremont Chapel, as he leaves for the north central states mission.

October 15th, at the home of Virginia and Art Wood, the elder's quorum held a "Get-Together" for 56 elders and their partners. Special emphasis was placed on welcoming new elders to our ward, and their charming wives. Among them: Jim and Evelyn Wasden, Dean and Joan Benson, Max and Donna Hill, Richard and Thelma Corey, Orin and Viorene Wardle, Jewel and Jack Moran, and Ken and Helen Shiozawa.

A baby shower was given at the home of Mrs. Wayne Jepson for Mrs. John MacCabe, Thursday, October 6.

John MacCabe has been assigned to duty in Manila, and Jackie will be residing in Houston, Texas, until his return. Dale and Helen Cram have moved to San Leandro.

There was only one baptism last month, Charlene Louise Grey . . . Our new MIA superintendent is Wayne Jepson, because of John MacCabe's leaving. Ray Rackley will be activity counselor . . . Rhea Nelson will be serving on the stake MIA board, as drama director.

B. Y. UNIVERSITY TOURS

Included in 1956 will be three tours to Europe, an around-the-world tour, and tours to Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, and Canadian Rockies, Book of Mormon lands in Central America, and a LDS Church history tour.

Temple's Blessful Guidance Shown In Many Sacred Instances

By Etienne V. Schier

We are now entering upon the new year 1956—surely we cannot but believe a new age. We all know the past revelations given by our beloved Prophet concerning the building of Temples, and this year our golden state Ltterday Saints will journey to the Los Angeles Temple. Here they will enjoy a privilege that no other people of the Pacific has enjoyed since the days of Adam, in having a Temple completed, where the ordinances of God can be bestowed upon his people on this coast.

If we have rightly learned the lessons of the past, here lies before us a heritage of unspeakable blessing, which no vivid metaphores can too strongly describe; infinite sources of blesings and illimitable grace.

Manifestations to Boy

Br. Gardello Hunter of Mission Ward, tells of the incident in the St. George Temple, when a young boy was doing baptismal work, and there were eleven names on the family group sheet. The boy told the brother in charge there was another person waiting. Checking the list, only eleven names were verified, a re-check still produced eleven names. But because of the insistence of the young boy, all the sheets or that period were re-checked, and the twelfth name found. After the baptismal service, the 12th man bowed to the boy, and disappeared. The young boy today, as a man is an ardent genealogical worker.

S. May Hunter, wife of Gardello Hunter, tells about her paternal grandmother, May Worthen Sullivan, a beloved Temple worker in the St. George Temple for many years. One day Sr. Sullivan was given a missionary name that appeared to be of Lamanite origin. as Sr. Sullivan progressed with the Temple ordinances. a beautiful young Indian girl, in tribal costume was her companion. She appeared to be a princess. When the services were completeed, the Indian princess spoke to Sr. Sullivan, stating that she wanted the endownments and had prayed for them, and thanked her. When Sr. Sullivan with humility acknowledged the appreciation, the princess had vanished.

Opiniated Lady

Several years ago, I was instructing a special class in my home, and a recent convert was becoming opinionated, questioning the need for this work, when other religions didn't place so much stress on the dead, but looked after the living. She had tried to find her father's family, even writing to the town in Indiana, without success. Her talk didn't ruffle our group.

My door-bell rang, and a registered letter came from an unknown person in this same town in Indiana. The writer stated she had noted my name in a genealogical magazine, and asked if I could help her with a D. A. R problem. To our surprise, it contained ten generations and the exact pedigree of our Mrs. Doubting Thomas. This incident impressed the class.

Dr. Wells Jakeman BY Archaeologist Goes To Mexico

Announcement from the Brigham Young University Archaeology Society states that Dr. Wells Jakeman, head of the archaeology department, will in January be going on an expedition to the middle Usumacinta River valley in Chiapas, Mexico near the Guatamalan border. Dr. Jakeman recently lectured on the 1954 expedition that he was with in that same region.

The expedition in January 1956 will constitute the second LDS-sponsored and financed expedition to be actually at work at this time in southern Mexico, in the section of supposed Book of Mormon lands.

The New World Archeaological Foundation, headed by Thomas Stuart Ferguson, Oakland LDS attorney and amateur archaeologist, now has an expedition of some fifty diggers under a staff headed by Dr. Berlin, a trained field archaeologist at work at Chiapa de Corza in the Grijalva River Valley, Chiapas, Mexico. Both river valleys are thus being explored.

More Than 3000 Go Through Building On Opening Day

Los Angeles Temple

More than three thousand persons were escorted throught beautiful Los Angeles Temple Monday as the multi-million dollar edifice was officially opened to the public for a two-month pre-dedication viewing. Over ten thousand others had been shown through the building prior to the public opening-Monday.

President Noble Waite, Chairman of the stake Presidents' Temple Committee, said that a half million visitors are expected during the pre-dedication period which closes February 18.

Before the official opening of December 19.

Governor and Mrs. Goodwin J. Knight, shoes in hand, were escorted through the building Tuesday, Dec. 13, followed on Thursday by Mayor Norris Poulson and four members of the Los Angeles City Council—also shoes in hand.

More than two thousand persons toured the building Saturday, Dec. 17, including 407 Latter-day Saints from Fresno and San Joaquin Valley; 175 members of the Los Angeles Police Department and nearly 1000 delegates to the League of Jewish Women convention being held in Southern California.

Visitors began entering the Temple at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec 19 in the first 51 full days of public viewing before the dedication which is set for Sunday, March 11.

Tour Route

Tours begin with a briefing in the Bureau of Information where guests hear a short recording by Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve. Leaving the Bureau guests enter the temple through the utility tunnel, past the baptismal font, which is not yet finished, go up one of the stairways to the first floor and into the 380-seat chapel located in the southwest wing. A visit to the modern cafeteria in the southeast wing is made before going thru the other rooms on three floors.

Each tour occupies 45 minutes. Admittance of non-members and members is only by tickets from bishops for specific dates.

W Mendenhall Reports Pacific Island Buildings

Elder Wendell B. Mendenhall, former president of San Joaquin Stake and now Chairman of the Church Building Committee, discloses that the far-flung building in the Pacific Islands contemplates a total of 63 chapels, the New Zealand Temple, and College near Hamilton; a new school in American Somoa, the college of Hawaii and addtions to the Liahona College at Tonga.

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